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UNITED STATES OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY THREATS UTTERED BY GERMANY

Policy Of Giving Every Aid To Britain Not Deterred

OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE THREATS UTTERED BY GERMANY YESTERDAY IN CONNEXION WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT HAS BEEN VOICED FOR SEIZING ENEMY SHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND GIVING THEM TO BRITAIN, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

There is no indication in official quarters that the German Foreign Office spokesman's statement will deter United States policy of giving every assistance, short of war, to Britain. The view generally taken in the United States is that Germany hoped to force America into a war with Japan in order to divert attention to the Far East.

If that plan failed, the United States will not be surprised if Germany herself declares war against America.

As one paper puts it: "We are going to build up our defences with all possible speed and sharing them with Britain. If Herr Hitler does not like it, it is up to him to make the final break."

XMAS HOLIDAYS

The offices of the Hongkong Daily Press will be closed on Christmas Day but will reopen as usual on Thursday, Boxing Day. There will be no issue of the paper on THURSDAY.

The next issue after the holidays will appear on FRIDAY morning as usual.

Advertisements are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible TOMORROW.

Contributors likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early tomorrow.

NEW POST FOR HALIFAX?



LORD HALIFAX

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—An official announcement regarding the appointment of Lord Halifax as Ambassador to the United States is expected shortly, writes Reuter's London correspondent.

It is expected that Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, will succeed Lord Halifax as Foreign Minister, while Capt. H.D. R. Margesson, Chief Government Whip, will succeed Mr. Eden at the War Office.

Chungking Checking Hoarding

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Drastic steps are being taken by the Government in Chungking to check the hoarding and manipulation of the markets.

It is learned that several prominent bank managers, a former mayor of Chengtu and two members of the staff of a factory in Kweilin have been arrested and awaiting trial.

The bank managers and the former mayor of Chengtu are accused of hoarding rice and the two employees of a Kweilin factory are accused of using public funds and trucks for the purchase and transportation of foods for personal business purposes.

ENEMY ACTIVITY ON SMALL SCALE

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy activity was on a small scale during daylight on Saturday and two bombers were destroyed.

A block of flats was hit in the London area, causing a small number of casualties. Heavy gunfire was heard over the London district soon after the alert tonight, which was sounded early.

German planes were also over the Midlands where high explosive bombs and incendiaries were dropped.

NAIROBI, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A bold escape was made by four South African armoured cars, which were ambushed by 600 native troops when reconnoitring Italian Somaliland.

In Washington it was stated that no official proposal on this question of acquiring enemy ships and handing them to Britain had been formally made, but it was added, however, that consideration was being given to the suggestion in Washington.

Mr. William Clayton, Chairman of the Defence Council, said yesterday: "The future security of the United States and the total defence of our democratic principles demand that all the resources of our capital and all the efforts of our labour shall be made available to those who are defending us against attack."

"The crisis for which the Defence Council was created is an irreconcilable one which cannot be terminated by appeasement."

TWO ACTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Relations between the United States and Germany took a sudden turn for the worse yesterday as the result of two actions by the Nazi regime.

The German Government demanded that the United States take action against three members of the staff of the United States Embassy in Paris, who, they alleged, had taken part in pro-British activities.

Further, a Foreign Office spokesman told members of the foreign press that Germany is watching closely to see how America would answer the recent pronouncement by the British Minister for Shipping, Mr. Ronald Cross, which Germany interpreted as an appeal to America to commit an unneutral act by appropriating "enemy shipping" in American waters and transferring it to Britain.

Replying on the first point, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, said:

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XMAS BROADCAST BY THE KING

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The King will broadcast to the nation and the Empire at 2 p.m. GMT Christmas Day. It is officially announced.

CLEARING UP N.W. OF BARDIA

In Libya, according to the latest Cairo communique, the British units are clearing up the area north-west of Bardia, according to a London message.

These operations have a two-fold purpose: firstly, to destroy all pockets where there is still resistance, and secondly, to prevent Marshal Graziani bringing up reinforcements to the garrison at Bardia.

Some of the thousands of the prisoners captured by the British have been taken to Palestine for internment. A new prison camp has been built in three days alongside the vineyards and orchards of a monastery on the central Judean plain.

Over 2,000 prisoners arrived there from Haifa, in charge of colonial troops.

NEXT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OF WAR MAY COME FROM VICHY

Hitler May Turn Italian Collapse To Own Advantage

"The next important development of the war may well come from Vichy," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, the well-known news commentator when he spoke from London last night on the latest phase of the international situation.

"In the situation who can doubt that Signor Mussolini is going to be double-crossed," went on Mr. Lakin. "In total war there is no adherence to allies and Herr Hitler may well turn Italy's collapse to his own advantage, because then he need no longer consider Mussolini's claim on France, when dealing with Marshal Petain."

"Was there ever such a most important major event of the war so far. Hitler realises it and that is why he threatens United States. He is again likely to lose his patience, but this time he will find that he is not dealing with a small state like Poland, but with a great Western democracy."

WARLIKE ACT
"A German spokesman has gone so far as to threaten that Germany will regard any steps America might take to place German ships in United States available to Britain as a warlike act."

"Warlike act indeed," declared Mr. Lakin. "The truth is that they are scared of United States entering the war, and now they are trying to show that they will"

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CLOSE SECRECY

Close secrecy is still being maintained about the negotiations at Vichy but it is apparent that Marshal Petain is still resisting Hitler's demands, states a London message.

The report adds that fresh demands from Germany were submitted yesterday to the Marshal.

The Vichy War Minister who was in Marseilles on a tour of inspection has left for Vichy by air.

Germany evidently realises the possible reactions in the French Empire and in France itself if Marshal Petain is pushed too far.

A Vichy newspaper praises Marshal Petain for having obtained an armistice because this has enabled France to keep her fleet and to preserve her Empire.

"We thus remain a political factor in the world although three-fifths of France is occupied," adds the paper.

WOPS STILL RETREATING IN ALBANIA

The Italians are still retreating in Albania, according to a London message.

A Greek communique reports that advances have been continued on various parts of the fronts, more prisoners taken and more war material are left behind.

An Athens spokesman revealed that the Italians are retreating to Chimara, where the Greeks have got new heights in the area.

On the northern front, the Greeks have brought up quick-firing guns which are proving particularly effective while Greek patrols are carrying raids with hand-bombs.

OIL REFINERY NEAR VENICE ATTACKED

A communique issued by the Air Ministry yesterday reveals that the R.A.F. attacked a big oil refinery near Venice.

Oil plants were also attacked in the Ruhr district where the targets also included docks and stores. Docks and harbour works at Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Calais were also damaged, states a London message.

RAID ON CASTLE BENITO

On Saturday night, British bombers again carried the war to Italy and found a new port on the Yugoslavian border, which was severely raided, according to a London message.

British bombers also made a raid on Castle Benito where an aerodrome was attacked.

The machines swept down and machine-gunned the aerodrome, and when they left, fires were blazing in Castle Benito.

The British planes have also been active in East Africa, where the South African Air Force were also engaged in a series of raids.

The Italians have now lost 168 aircraft since the start of the African campaign. More than half of these were destroyed in air fights and the rest on the grounds. The British losses were 14 planes of which five pilots are safe.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter)

—The Takungpao reports that large numbers of Japanese transports have been sighted during the last few days sailing in the direction of the Spratly Islands, south-east of Saigon.

EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PRODUCTS: SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL STRESSES CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY BETWEEN BRITISH, CHINESE: H.E.'S SPEECH

"THE PROSPERITY OF HONGKONG HAS BEEN BUILT UP BY THE COMBINED INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATION OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE, AND I NEED NOT STRESS THE BENEFITS WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO FUTURE CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY BETWEEN THESE TWO PEOPLES."

But industry, to be successful, needs governmental encouragement. Such encouragement, in my opinion, can best be given by scientific planning of land for factories; by selling land on attractive terms; by making factory laws in a benevolent spirit; by ensuring an adequate water supply; and by opening up communications to facilitate transport. I respectfully comment these points to the consideration of the Government," said the HON. SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., in the course of his speech at the opening yesterday of the fourth annual exhibition of Chinese products held under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union at the vacant ground adjoining the Peninsula Hotel.

Long before the time set for the official opening, by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., large crowds of Europeans and Chinese gathered at the entrance to the site, which is built in the form of a Chinese walled city, eager to gain admission.

On arrival, his Excellency, accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., was received by Mr. Ip Lan-chuen (Chairman of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union), Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall (Hon. President), Mr. S. H. Han (Vice-Chairman), Mr. L. S. Chan (Secretary), Mr. Robert Der, Mr. W. Y. Yuen (President of the Exhibition), and the Presidents of the various sub-committees.

GOVERNOR WELCOMED

In welcoming his Excellency, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen gave a resume of the activities of the Union, which was founded in 1934, and compared the previous exhibitions held with the present one occupying ground covering almost 70,000 square feet. In the present exhibition there are over 500 stalls, spaces taken up by 212 stalls displaying the products of 150 manufacturers.

The growth of the Union to its present strength was largely due to the guidance of its Honorary President, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall. This growth, also testified to the spirit of co-operation and progressiveness shown by overseas Chinese manufacturers.



His Excellency Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton photographed with Mr. Yuen, Chairman of the Exhibition, during a tour of the stalls yesterday afternoon.—(King Studio).

Mr. Ip concluded with an appeal to all to extend their support and assistance to the Chinese manufacturers. (Applause.)

GOVERNOR'S REPLY

Replying, his Excellency said: At my request Sir Robert Kotewall is going to speak to you in Chinese on the subject of this Exhibition in preference to the more complicated procedure involved were I to speak in English for subsequent translation.

There is another good reason why I consider this procedure

preferable and that is that Sir Robert Kotewall is necessary far more versed in the progress of trade and industry in this Colony than I am. None the less I should like to emphasise here my very real interest in this Exhibition and its objects.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE

As many of you know, there has recently been a Conference at Delhi to review the productive capacity of the British Empire in

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- 9—China Light and Power Company annual meeting.

In the World of Sports

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL:

THREE DRAWN MATCHES IN SENIOR DIVISION

WITH A COMFORTABLE WIN OF FOUR GOALS TO TWO OVER MIDDLESEX at Caroline Hill on Saturday, EASTERN took the lead in the Senior Division for the first time this season. Eastern played a delightful soccer throughout.

The "Diehards" were best served by their backs. Freshwater and Sheehan, whose stout defence saved the military side from a heavier defeat.

Hau Ching-to beat Drake with a beautiful grounder. Saw equalised but before the interval Chung Yung-sum scored for Eastern.

After the interval goals by Hyui and Hau gave the Chinese 4-1 lead which was reduced by Thomas shortly before time.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Ng Ke-cheung, Y. S. Yen; S. T. Liu, Hsu King-shing, Loo Wal-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hui, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

MIDDLESEX—Drake; Freshwater, Sheehan, Parker, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Thomas, Pearson, Saw and Thomas.

LEONARD, MAHER SHINES Showing once again their fine last minute spirit St. Joseph's, after being one goal down at the interval, equalised in the second half to share the spoils with Royal Scots at the Valley.

The Saints were best served by their intermediate line where A. Leonard and Maher were outstanding.

A regrettable incident occurred when Parnaby received marching orders in the second half. Hosack scored for the Scots and Gomes replied for the Saints.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Tsang; Bowen, D. Leonard, Runjahn, A. Leonard, Maher; Chan Tak-fan, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes and Cruz.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Parnaby, Falconer, Clark; Garrie, Cook, Hosack, Munro and Marshall.

ROUGH GAME AT KOWLOON At Boundary Street in one of the roughest games seen this season, Kwong Wah and Kowloon drew two-all. Kwong Wah were in splendid form.

Lapsley and Ulrich were mainly responsible for saving the mainlanders from defeat.

Chin Chi-fun opened the scoring and, from a penalty, Cheuk Shek-kam increased the lead. Blake completed the scoring in the first half and he equalised in the second half.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung, Fat-lam, Leung Pak-wai, Lee Wah-chi, Chung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Chan Wal-sang, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

KOWLOON—Lapsley; Lamb, Ulrich; Maxwell, Ellis, Hutchison; Truscott, Jackson, Blake, Pereira and Ellsely.

NAVY, CLUB DRAW Displaying good form Club ran up a lead of 4-1 at the interval but thereafter fell away to allow Navy to draw level at Sookunpoo.

H.K.U.-LINGNAN: SOCCER, TENNIS

University and Lingnan each shared a win in soccer. Intercollegiate clash in tennis and football yesterday afternoon on the grounds of the University Recreation Club.

The Hongkong University easily won the two singles and one doubles played.

However, the Lingnan boys got their revenge in the football match, winning by the odd goal in three.

FRIENDLY BOWLS

In a friendly lawn bowls game played at Stanley on Saturday, Craggengower Cricket Club beat Prison Officers' Club by 74 shots to 45.

P.O.C.—A. E. Perry, N. C. Higgs, A. J. McCutcheon, A. Jillett (skip), 17; C. H. Freeman, A. W. Hudson, P. Foster, T. M. Pile (skip), 10; S. Hodge, F. H. Hill, C. Cowland, W. J. Bagley (skip), 19.

C.C.C.—K. M. Omar, L. M. Roza, D. A. Rozario, L. C. R. Souza (skip), 21; W. Curd, H. L. Forman, J. W. Leonard, W. J. Penny (skip), 24; P. K. Lau, F. Lee, G. S. Ladd, U. M. Omar (skip), 25.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY BADMINTON—"A" Division: University "B" v. Chinese Y.

SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

TOMORROW BADMINTON—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, 6-11 p.m.

BILLIARDS—Y.M.C.A. Billiards match, 7:30-11 p.m.

SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 6-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 FOOTBALL—International Charity Cup, China v. Scotland (Boundary Street), 3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING—Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

Y.M.C.A. WIN AT CRICKET In a friendly cricket match played at Happy Valley yesterday, Y.M.C.A. beat C.A.C.C. by 102 runs.

Y.M.C.A.—139 for 9 wickets, dec. D. A. Rozario, L. C. R. Souza, 32, C. Logan, 28; Attwell, 5 for 43, Holledge, 2 for 20; C.A.C.C.—37 (Farrell, 5, Paul, 5; W. S. Gegg, 6 for 12, E. Curtis, 3 for 20).

CHARITY FOOTBALL ON JAN. 1

H.K.F.A. ELEVEN SELECTED

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Association in a charity match in aid of the S.W.O.F. on Jan. 1, 1941, at Sookunpoo ground, at 3:45 p.m.—

Robinson (Navy); Ronghley (Navy) and Edmunds (R.A.F.); Freshwater (Middlesex); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's) (Capt.) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Owens (24th R.A.), Hundy (Navy), Fox (R.E.), Howlett (Police) and Retelston (Club). Reserves: Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Fraser (Royal Scots), Britt (Navy), Maxwell (Kowloon), Pope (Police), Gough (Police), Coomer (Middlesex), Le Page (Navy), Hosack (Royal Scots), Barber (Navy) and B. I. Bickford (Club).

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers, the Band of the Middlesex Regiment will play before the match and during the interval.

Players are requested to report to Mr. W. E. Hollands, team manager, in the dressing room at 3 p.m. sharp. Jerseys, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

Players not available are requested to communicate with Mr. Hollands, Tel. 39-418 or Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Sec. of the H.K.F.A.

QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY

Well-Deserved Win For Navy

Navy secured a well-deserved win over Club by two goals and a penalty goal (13 pts.) to a penalty goal (3 pts.) after leading 3-0 at half time in their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match at Causeway Bay on Saturday.

They are now almost assured of the championship, assuming that they repeat their win over Police in the second round. Navy won 20-0 after fielding a much weaker team in the first round.

Credit for Navy's triumph on Saturday must go to the pack, who completely mastered Club in the loose. Paul scored 10 of the winners' 13 points.

AWKWARD ANGLE Paul kicked the first goal from a penalty on the 25-yard line and at an awkward angle. Half time saw Navy leading 3-0.

Club came on level terms quite early in the second half when Longmuir was caught offside some 25 yards out and Atkenhead landed a perfect goal. Paul was backing up and gained possession of the ball to touch down between the posts.

Not long after, Beattie touched down close in and Paul took good care of the goal posts.

THE TEAMS The teams were: CLUB—Thompson; Stewart, Morgan, Charter, and Bosanquet; Atkenhead and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heasman, Needham, Hackett, Godfrey, Taylor (Capt.) and Kennedy.

NAVY—Morahan; McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Winter, Watson (Capt.), Manfield; King, Blockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS The following are the results of the softball matches played yesterday.

LADIES LEAGUE

Wildcats 16 R. H. E.
Cardinals 8 12 9
Wahoos 16 8 2
Chung Hwa 2 2 15
Canadians 16 12 9
Ramblers 15 6 10

MEN'S LEAGUE

Indians 12 9 3
Chinese 2 5 4
Cyclones 8 7 4
Filipinos 1 4 4
Recreo "A" 13 10 3
Canadians 5 5 7

CHINESE EASILY WIN CHARITY FOOTBALL

Fung King-cheong And V.K. Hyui Score Seven Goals

Stimulating displays by both combined Chinese teams featured the two charity football matches against the Rest of the Colony on the Causeway Bay ground yesterday when a large crowd was treated to some really first class soccer.

The Chinese won both games, 5-2 and 5-1. The proceeds were in aid of the Rotary Club Canton and Am-bulance Fund, the China Relief Association and the Macao Relief Association.

In both games the Chinese were much superior in attack to the Rest. V. K. Hyui and Fung King-cheong, for Chinese "A" and "B", were in great form and scored three and four goals for their respective teams.

The Chinese only made two changes in their line-ups. Lau Hin-hon deputised for Cheung Wing choy in the "B" team while Ho Po-pul, of South China Juniors, took Lau's place. Rest "B" were short of players and had to call on the services of Gow, Kellow, Edmunds and Hosack.

FIRST MATCH Rest were the first to look dangerous. Chinese retaliated and, after a shot from Wong King-chung had been blocked, CHEUK SHEK-KAM opened the account.

Owens, who was always dangerous whenever in possession, sent in a beautiful centre which FOX nodded into the net. Encouraged by this, Rest pressed hard and Ho, who played a confident game, was kept busy. From an Owens' centre O'REGAN placed the Rest in the lead.

After some midfield exchanges, the Chinese made trio, Chow Man-chi, Hyui and Cheuk, initiated madly, pretty movements which resulted in two quick goals by HYUI.

Play continued to be fast and furious after the breather and Rest nearly equalised.

EVEN EXCHANGES Exchanges were very even at this stage but in midfield the Chinese held sway. The defences of both sides rose to the occasion.

Breaking away on the right Tang ran up to the flag to flash in a well-judged centre for WONG, running in from the wing, to put the Chinese further ahead. A few minutes later HYUI completed a good afternoon's work, with a nice header.

CHINESE "A": Ho Po-pul; Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung; Kwok Ying-ki, Lam Tak-po, Lo Wal-kuen; Tang Kwong-sum, Chow Man-chi, V. K. Hyui, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

REST "A": Reynolds; Ronghley, Fraser; Pope, Maxwell, Britt; Owens, Pelham, Fox, O'Regan and Bickford.

SECOND MATCH Though beaten by the wide margin of five goals to one, Rest "B" were by no means disgraced considering the fact nearly half of the team were called out at the last minute.

Early on Robinson was called upon and saved two grounders from Fung and Lee Wal-tong. Fung and Chung Yung-sum engaged in a pretty bout of inter-passing which culminated in Fung scoring the first goal.

Showing a fine burst of speed Chung ran almost to the corner flag before centring to FUNG to increase the score. Undaunted Rest attacked strongly but the stout defence put up by Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Tin-sang prevented them from scoring.

Taking up the attack from the restart Chinese forced a corner and from the resultant kick taken by Chung, LAI SHIU-WING further increased the lead.

The exchanges at this stage were more even. Owens, who also played in the first game, was obviously fatigued.

REST SCORE Gradually wearing out what promised to be a Rest rally Chinese again took up the attack and, within the space of less than ten minutes, FUNG netted two more goals.

Fighting to the very last Rest was finally awarded when BOW LETT netted.

VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley on Saturday morning:

		Dis- tance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	Last Qr.
Haseoay & Surprise								
Agala	1	33	1.04	1.34	2.01.2			27.2
Snow White	1	38	1.11.3	1.45	2.18.2			29.2
Riverdale & Van Guard	1	38	1.19	1.44.2	2.18.2			32.2
Castlehill	1	46	1.30	2.07	2.40.3			33.3
Double Dutch & Vigor	1	33	1.18	1.51	2.22.2			31.2
Amulet Star & Newborn Star	1	36	1.12	1.44	2.18			32
National Courage	1	36	1.13	1.43.3	2.18.1			29.3
Dashing Beauty & Trade								
Wind	1	40	1.15	1.48.2	2.21			32.3
Distant View	1	35	1.06	1.35				29
King's Wellcome	1	35	1.07	1.37.2	2.06.2	2.36		29.3
No. 15 (Gr.)	1	47	1.20	1.51	2.19			28
Corvette	2	34	1.05.2	1.33				29.3
Bendmeier	1	35	1.09	1.44	2.14			30
Corsair & Tobacco Ship	1	35	1.06	1.37	2.07.3			30.3
Bandito, Angel of Peace & Black Seal	1	47	1.28	2.06	2.38.3	3.09.1		30.3
Sports Lady	1	42	1.19	1.55	2.24			29
Sydney Diamond	1	34	1.07	1.33	2.08.4			30.4
Wayworth	1	35	1.11	1.46	2.20			34
Tien Tien & Baggage								
Master	1	36	1.07	1.38				31
Graceful View & Prairie View	1	35	1.10	1.39.2	2.08			28.3
No. 56 (Sub.)	2	34	1.05.3	1.37				31.2
National Integrity & National Endurance	1	43	1.23	2.02.3	2.39.3			37
Corriedoo & Never-Never	1	40	1.18	1.54	2.28.1	2.59.1		31
Strathalbyn	1	39	1.12	1.45	2.15			30
War Tax & Iron Belle	1	41	1.22	2.04	2.40	3.12		32
Blue Gown & Araxy II	2	36	1.12.2	1.47.2				35
Senorita	1	39	1.12	1.45	2.15			30
Starlight View	1	33	1.05.2	1.36.3	2.08			29.2
Hornpipe	1	41	1.19	1.51	2.25	2.54		29
Sydney Lady & Friday	1	41	1.19	1.52.4	2.21.1			28.2
Hole In One & Seal								
River	1	41	1.20	1.58.4	2.33	3.02		29
Miss Chalfont	1	39	1.18	1.53	2.24			31
Bingo & A Happy Time	1	45	1.26	2.05	2.35			30
Coloopa & The Nineteenth Hole	2	33	1.05	1.34				29
A Fine Time & A Rosy Time	1	41	1.18	1.54.3	2.27.3			33
Ratio Decidendi	2	34	1.07	1.36				29
Gloaming	2	41	1.17	1.52	2.24			32
Gossiper	1	41	1.21	1.57				36
Nominee Pensee	1	42	1.20	1.57	2.28			29
Fleetwing	1	35	1.09	1.45	2.20	2.54		34
May	1	38	1.12	1.43	2.14			31
Oscar & Odin	2	39	1.15	1.48				31
Vls Major	1	44	1.22	1.59	2.35	3.06		31
Gay Fox	1	33	1.03	1.46	2.19			33
Ogle	1	37	1.12	1.46	2.18			30
Bonia Vacantia & Lex								
Forti	1	39	1.13	1.46	2.22	2.55		33
Angel Of Glory & Main-sail	2	36	1.07	1.37.4				30.4
Tropical Love	2	35.3	1.07.3	1.38				30.2
Jungle Love	1	38	1.16	1.51	2.22			31
Hawaiian Love	1	44	1.28	2.07	2.44	3.15.2		31.2
Suspect	2	36	1.15	1.49				34
Opht & Joan	1	40	1.17	1.51	2.19			28
New Moon & Silver								
Spear	1	35	1.07.4	1.40				32.2
Saratoga & Santa Anita	1	36	1.09	1.39	1.39	2.09		30
King's Flight	2	35	1.08	1.39.3				31.3
Willow	2	36	1.09	1.38.4				29.4
Happy Returns & Arnie-ber	2	35	1.06.3	1.37.3				31
Pistal	1	43	1.19	1.58	2.38	3.09		34
Riverbridge	1	35	1.08	1.42	2.14.1			32.1
Archber & Casino	1	38	1.10	1.43	2.14			31
Royal Sovereign	2	36	1.10	1.39.1				29.1

CHARITY FOOTBALL

A large crowd turned up at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday morning to see the Hospital Division of the Medical Department beat the Health Division by the odd goal in five in a charity football match in aid of Christmas comforts for Chinese inmates of the various hospitals.

Scorers for the victors were E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li and T. Pile while Chung Wing-kuong and E. T. Harris retaliated for the losers.

Mr. J. F. McGowan officiated. The line-up was as follows:

Hospital Division: F. Angus; Dr. D. J. Valentine and K. I. Lau; G. Yu, J. Skinner and Y. Yeung; T. Pile, W. K. Lau, E. Hopkinson, L. H. Li and M. J. Zammon.

Health Division: Wong Wing-kuong; E. J. Whitcomb and E. T. Harris; M. E. Purvis, V. M. Benwell and Chung Wing-kuong; Dr. B. I. Smith, R. A. J. Simpson, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Macdonald and Leung Tak-wai. Reserves: E. D. Robbins and J. G. Hooper.

HOME RUGGER RESULTS LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—The following are the results of Rugby matches played at Home yesterday.

Home Soccer Scores LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—The following are the results of Home football matches played yesterday.

NORTH Barnsley 5, Hull City 0. Blackburn R. 3, Oldham 2. Bradford 5, Huddersfield 1. Leeds 2, Dewsbury 12. Oldham 37, Leigh 24. Salford 32, Broughton 8. Wakefield 6, Halifax 8. Wigan 6, Swinton 3. York 5, Castleford 12.

RUGBY UNION Ayrton Co. 18, Roslyn Park 17. Bedford 40, Combined Services 0. Cardiff 30, Pontypool 5. Gloucester 12, Army XV 8. West of England 8, N. Z. Army XV 13. Walsby 20, Army XV 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE Ayrton 2, Roslyn Park 1. Dundee 2, Celtic 2. Hamilton 2, Aberdeen 1. Hearts 1, Partick 0. Morton 1, Motherwell 1. Queen's Park 3, Falkirk 0.

OTHER MATCHES Chester 2, R.A.F. XI 0. Brighton 2, R.A.F. XI 1. Aldershot 2, Army XI 5. Newcastle 1, Sunderland 1.

HOTSPURS NET NINE TIMES

Though beaten by the wide margin of five goals to one, Rest "B" were by no means disgraced considering the fact nearly half of the team were called out at the last minute.

Early on Robinson was called upon and saved two grounders from Fung and Lee Wal-tong. Fung and Chung Yung-sum engaged in a pretty bout of inter-passing which culminated in Fung scoring the first goal.

Showing a fine burst of speed Chung ran almost to the corner flag before centring to FUNG to increase the score. Undaunted Rest attacked strongly but the stout defence put up by Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Tin-sang prevented them from scoring.

Taking up the attack from the restart Chinese forced a corner and from the resultant kick taken by Chung, LAI SHIU-WING further increased the lead.

The exchanges at this stage were more even. Owens

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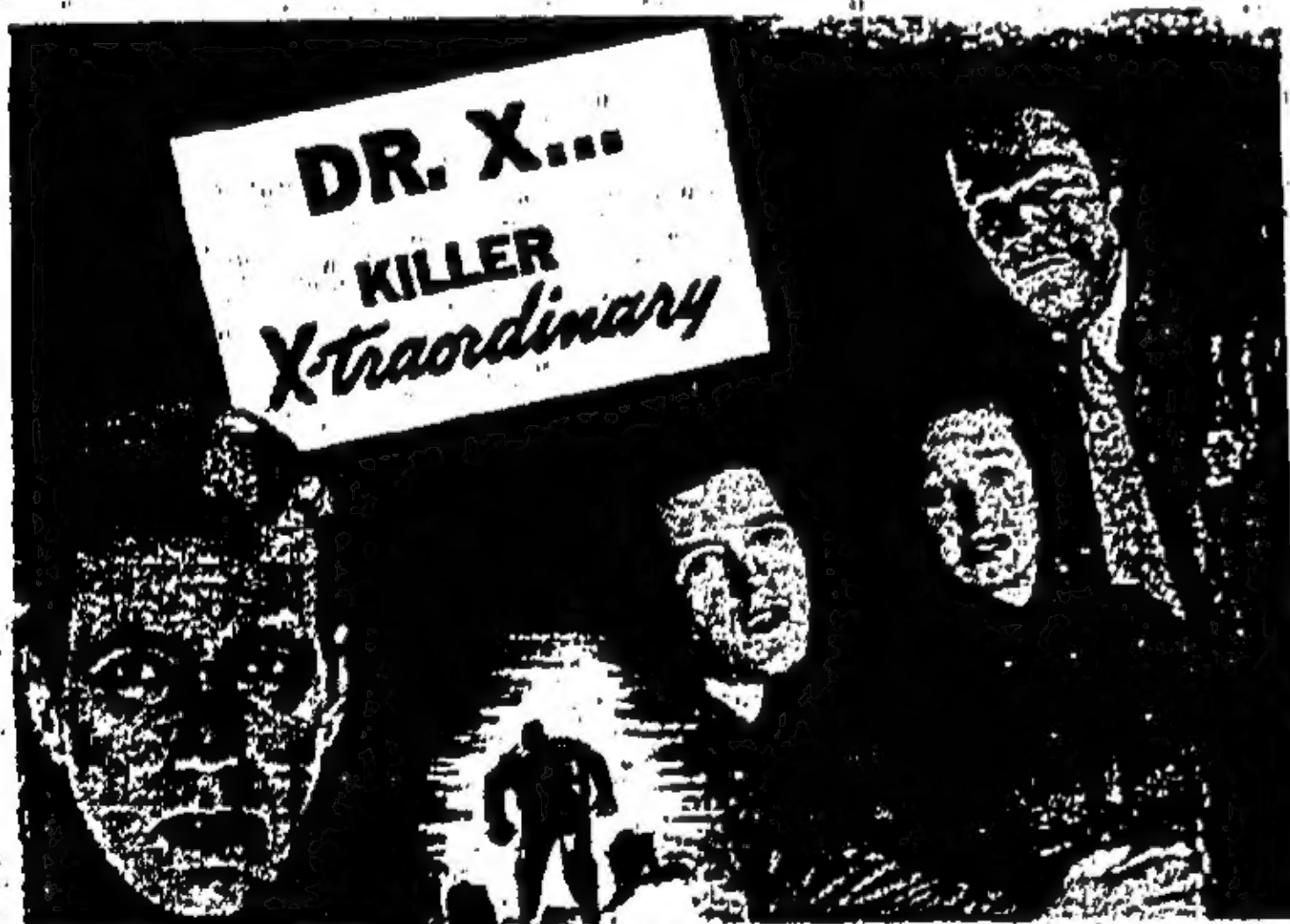
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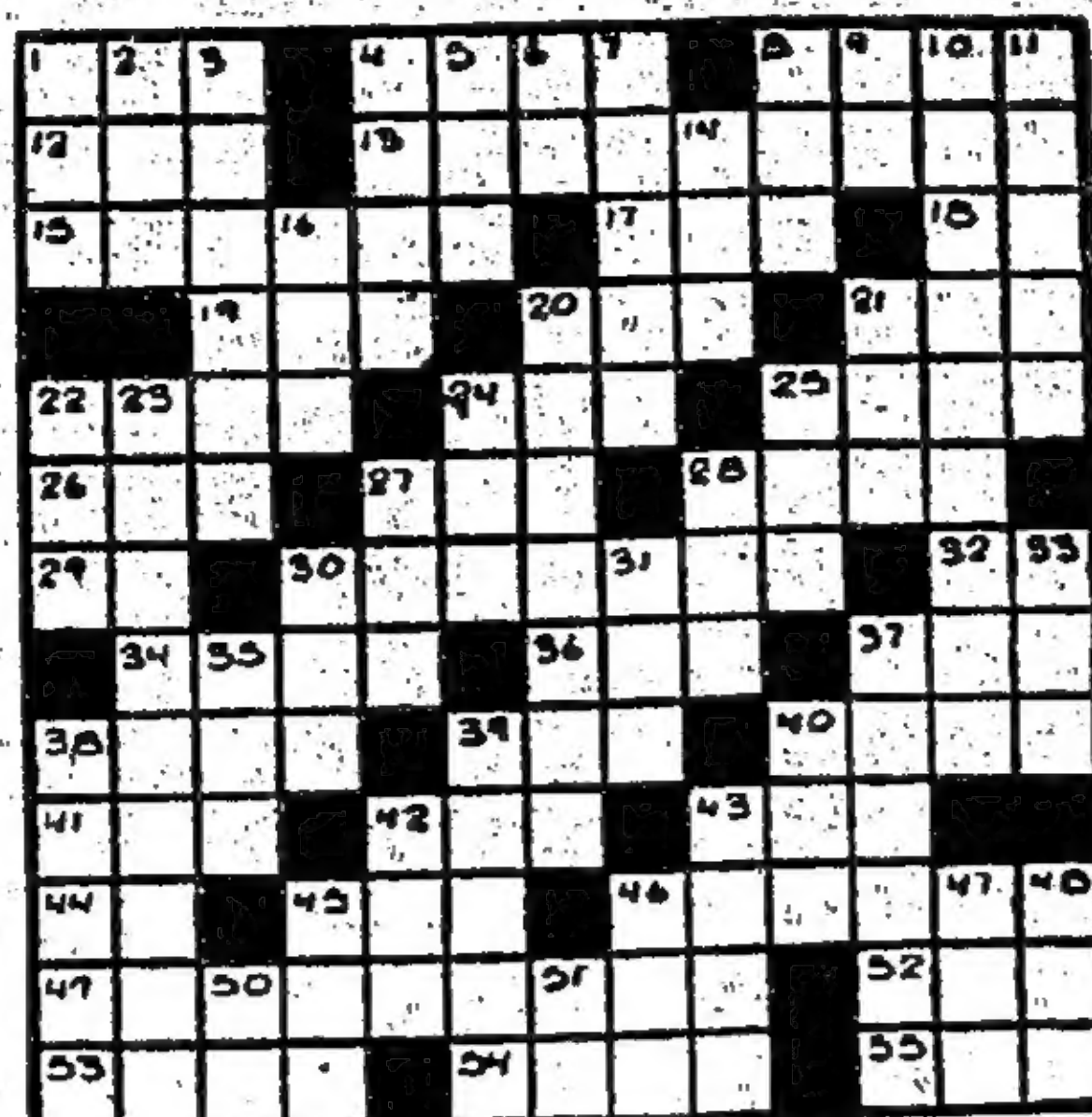
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4 Exclamation of despair
8 Army quarters
12 Regard studiously
13 Barcelona is the chief city of what district of Spain?
15 Who wrote "The Native's Return"?
17 Swine
18 Symbol for nickel
19 Boy
20 Seized with the teeth
21 Tavern
22 Scent
24 Return a ball in a high curve
25 Woody plant
26 Sway from side to side
27 Sesame
28 Binds
29 Printer's measure
30 Inhabitants of a country
32 Preposition
34 Irish assembly
36 Vehicle
37 Pig pen
38 Relate
39 Posed for a portrait
40 Plant cultivated for its fibre
41 Sick
42 Ventilate
43 Composition for two voices
44 Sloth
45 Rubber tree
46 A continent
49 World leader
52 Through
53 Poker term



DOWN
1 Wood sorrel
2 Land measure
3 That which is similar
4 Bitter
5 100,000 rupees
6 Preposition
7 Title in India
8 Gear-wheeled tooth
9 Indefinite article
10 In what State is the lake from which the Mississippi takes its rise?
11 What essayist of the American Revolution wrote "The Age of Reason"?
14 Parcel of land
18 Disfigure
20 Who was the

"South American Liberator"?
21 Anger
22 Be indebted to
23 Flower
24 Illuminated
25 Contraction for "it is"
27 Cymbals
28 Number
30 Nothing
31 Cistern
33 Who was the Greek goddess of night?
35 Everything
37 Vessels
38 Crownlike head ornament
39 Mesbed
40 Dressed pelt
42 Alcoholic beverage
43 Obligation
45 Utensil
46 Ancient times
47 Seed of a vine
48 Unit of energy
50 Old Testament (abbr.)
51 Masculine nickname

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LONDON VARIETY PROGRAMME

"EL GANG"

Studio Talk

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Beethoven.

Sonata in C Major Op. 102, No. 1

1st Mov: Andante-Allegro vivace, 2nd

Mov: Andante-Tempo d'Andante, 3rd

Mov: Allegro vivace—Paul Casals (Cello)

and Mieczyslaw Horowitz (Piano)

Eleven Viennese Dances—Felix

Weingartner conducting the London

Philharmonic Orchestra

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather

Report

1.03 Negro Spirituals sung by Paul

Robeson (Bass)

I Don't Know What's Wrong

(Dyrentforth and Ansell), G6 Down

Moses (Burleigh), I Stood on De Rib-

ber, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells (arr.

Burleigh)

1.18 Orchestra Raymonde.

Delibes in Vienna (arr. Walter).

Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Paul

Lincoche), Indian Mail—Descriptive

(Lincoche), The Dancing Clock

(Ewing), Poupée Valse (Poldini).

1.30 Reader and Ragby Press, Weather

Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Billy Cotton

and His Band.

Fox-Trots—A-Ticket, A-Ticket, I

Can't Remember Her Name! Slow Fox-

Trot—Good-Night, Children, Every-

where, Over the Rainbow (film "The

2.15 Close down.

3.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Beethoven.

Overture "Semiramide"—Philhar-

monic-Symphony Orchestra of New

York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Largo Al Factotum (Barber of

Seville—Riccardo Stracchini (Bar-

toni) with Orchestra La Danca-

Marcel Falotti (Organ), Overture "La

Scala Di Seta"—The B.B.C. Symphony

Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of

The Hour.

7.30 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and

Ellen Joyce (Piano).

Minstrels (Debussy); Flight of the

Bumble-Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov); Danse

Espagnole (La Vida Breve—De Falla);

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano

accomp. Romance (Brahms); Au

Bord D'une Source (Liszt)—Ellen

Joyce (Piano).

7.45 Studio-Talk on Conventry by

Mrs. C.A.S. Russ.

7.55 Interlude.

Tales from the Orient—Waltz

(Strauss, arr. Egg)—Marek Weber

and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Archibald Joyce Waltz-Medley.

Viennese Waltz Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"El Gang".

8.00 London Relay—The News and

News Commentary.

9.28 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

Comedienne—Old Soldiers Never

Die! Intro: Fall in, and Follow Me.

Let the Great Big World keep turn-

ing; Hello Hello! Who's your lady

COMING EVENTS

DEG.

23—Tides: High 3.24 a.m. and 4.33

p.m. Low 10 a.m. and 11.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Car-

nal Party.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9

a.m.; Swimming.

S. and S. Home: General Commit-

tee, 5.30 p.m.; Servicemen's Christmas

Dinner and Concert, 7.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Club Meet-

ing, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth,

6.15 p.m.

Chinese Manufacturers Union Ex-

hibition, Kowloon.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42

p.m. Low 10.33 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1

p.m.

Claims against estate of Flinto

Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-ling due.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, Mixed

Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.50

p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 1.45 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer,

Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).

26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15

p.m. Low 1.46 a.m. and 1.23 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

Boxing Day.

Kwint Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer,

Portugal v. England (Kowloon P.C.).

Charity Softball, K.P.C., 10.30 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9

a.m.; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.

27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.05

p.m. Low 2.29 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Dinner Dance.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Evacuation Representative Commit-

tee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6

p.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn.,

Draw for Debentures, 6 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.46

p.m. Low 3.15 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10.39 a.m. and 9.30

p.m. Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Chinese Recreation Club "At

Home."

30—Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and

10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

31—Tides: High 12.00 p.m. and

10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.42 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.

New Year's Eve.

Claims against Norddeutscher

Lloyd, Bremen (Agents Melchers and

Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co.,

Ltd.) due.

Watchnight Service, St. Andrew's

Church, 11.30 p.m.

An Express Train; A Baby; London

Underground; A Chicken—Freddie

Doeh. Comedienne—Rags (Flynn and

Egan)—Don't You Ever Fall in Love

(Flynn and Egan)—Allene Stanley

with Orchestra.

10.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Three Little Words;

Blues of Israel—Gene Krupa and His

Orchestra. Waltz—The Dawn of Love;

Tango—Majanihi—Doris Reis Dances

Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Someone to

care for me (film "Three Smart

Girls") Harbour Lights—Casani

Club Orchestra. Pasodoble—Castanets;

Fox-Trot—Naughty Nanette—Robert

Renard Dance Orchestra. Waltz—Dear

Love, My Love, Quickstep—Moonlight

Victor, Silvester and His Ballroom

Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Who Loves

You? Foolish Heart—Ronnie Minno

and His Dance Orch. Tango—

Esmeralda; Mon. Amour—Robert

Renard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—

Catch Walk; Blum! The Blues—

Original Dixieland Jazz Band; Quick-

step—I Want Lying When I Said I

Love You; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man in

the Moon—Henry Jacques with His

Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra. Slow

Fox-Trot—Happy Home—Mantovani

and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF PREMISES FAILS

Full Text Of Judgment By The Chief Justice

JUDGMENT FOR THE DEFENDANT was delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court on Friday in the action in which CHUNG YEE DAI, administrator of the estate of the late Chung Man Kin, claimed possession of No. 297, Queen's Road West, of which the defendant, the LUEN FONG firm, has been tenant for many years, and for mesne profits.

Plaintiff was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., instructed by the Hon. Mr. M. E. Lo, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. B. C. Hobbs, was for the defendant.

THE JUDGMENT

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:—

The plaintiff's claim is for possession of the premises known as 297, Queen's Road West, of which the defendant firm has been tenant for many years and for mesne profits. The defence on the pleadings is twofold: (1) that the defendant firm in consideration of loans amounting to \$430 made by them to the plaintiff was verbally promised a lease for a term of two years at the present rental of \$230 a month, and that plaintiff when he obtained Letters of Administration to the estate of his deceased father confirmed that promise; and (2) that the premises are within the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1939, and that the defendants are protected by the provisions of that statute.

During the hearing the defendants abandoned the former of these defences, and thereafter the defence confined itself to an attempt to establish that the premises were used for residential purposes. The premises consist of four floors; the second and third of which are exclusively residential though no member of the family of either of the partners in the defendant firm or any of their employees lives there.

The ground floor and first floor are primarily and predominantly used for business purposes, the first floor for the storage and manufacture of tobacco leaves and the ground floor as a shop, but there is abundant evidence that the managing partner of defendant firm and practically all the members of his large family reside on either the ground floor or the first floor, and that the defendants' employees also sleep and have their meals on the premises. I find as a fact that both the managing partner and most of his family, and the employees of defendant firm live on the ground or the first floor in the sense that the premises are the only home which they have in Hongkong.

INGENUOUS SUBMISSION.

Once I had come to that conclusion of fact I felt that on all the authorities I was bound to find for the defendant firm, but I took time for further consideration in view of Mr. D'Almada's ingenious submission that the use of the phrase "part of a house" indicated that the statute protected business premises only where it was conclusively established that a part of them, meaning thereby certain cubicles, rooms or spaces, was set aside for residential use so that the bulk of the premises was exclusively used for business purposes and the remaining part as exclusively for domestic and residential purposes. The material provisions of the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1939 are as follows:—

Section 2 (2). This Ordinance shall apply to a house or part of a house, including a bed-space, let as a separate dwelling. Provided that:—

(a) the application of this Ordinance to any house or part of a house shall not be excluded by reason only that part of the premises is used as a shop or office or for business, trade or professional purposes.

The wording of this proviso is identical, mutatis mutandis with that of the second proviso to section 12 (2) of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, but unhappily English authorities are not really helpful for my present purpose for the reason that prevailing conditions in England differ so radically from those which obtain in Hongkong. Almost without exception the cases in England are concerned with premises which though primarily used as business premises contain a room or rooms which are used for domestic residence. That state of things is

common in England, but is certain the exception here.

NOT STRANGE

If a business is carried on in premises in Hongkong those who reside on the premises will after business hours set up a bed in any convenient place in the office, counting house or factory, or will if necessary sleep on or under the counter, though they will probably have small portions of the premises set aside for such domestic purposes as cooking, eating or bathrooms. In these circumstances it is not strange that direct guidance from English authorities is hard to find, but fortunately there is one case which in my judgment conclusively covers the very point I have to decide.

That case is *Haskins v. Lewis* (1931) 2 K.B. p.1 which was decided by a strong Court of Appeal Scrutton, Romer and Greer L.J.J. The facts of that case were these: I quote from the judgment of Scrutton L.J. at pages 10-11. "A Mr. Lewis, with a family, lived in this particular house. Mr. Lewis originally had a tailor's shop on the ground floor, and he had been living in the house for nearly thirty years. About ten years ago one of his sons started a betting business on the first floor, and after three years that son gave way to another son who, at the time the case came on, had been carrying on the betting business on the first floor for seven years. "In 1927 the Lewis family, because of improved circumstances or for other reasons, moved to another house, where Mr. Lewis and his family resided. I do not say that as deciding a particular question which is coming. What was left then at the house which is the subject-matter of this action? The father had apparently ceased carrying on his tailor's business on the ground floor, and his daughter instead carried on a drapery business.

"It is not clear on what terms she was there; the evidence is that she carried on the business, but whether she paid any rent, or whether she was a tenant at will, or whether the father had any interest in the business, is left quite obscure; but at any rate the ground floor was used entirely for business purposes. On the first floor the betting business was still being carried on; there was a large room which would accommodate about twenty or thirty people at a time, who used to come there with the intention of betting and who used to make their bets and talk about them there and carry on that particular form of industry. In addition there was a small room which is spoken of by one of the witnesses as a 'small office', but which is spoken of by the defendant's son as the place where he slept. Two other tenancies were apparently then created by Mr. Lewis, a residential tenancy in the basement to one sub-tenant, and a residential tenancy in the attic to another sub-tenant.

"The position therefore is this: The house was originally let to the tenant as a dwelling house with a shop, and the tenant had ceased to reside there at all, and two of the floors were being used purely as business premises; the landlord, thereupon, sought to terminate the contractual tenancy which had existed for thirty years and which could be terminated by notice to quit, and sought to resist the attempt of the tenant to stay on the ground that he was protected by the Rent Restriction Act."

Scrutton L.J. then continues in these words "The defendant's son who carries on the betting business there says in his evidence that he has a bed in the small office in which he sleeps, which is true would be sufficient to make that room residential, and he supports that evidence by saying: "When I go to my father's house I sleep in the sitting-room, so I may as well sleep in an office as in a sitting-room." Coming from such a judge that passage gives me ample sufficient justification for holding that in the present case the occupation by Mr. Wing Shiu and the members of his family is sufficient to bring the

FASCIST PARTY, ARMY DISCORD

MANY EXECUTIONS REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Friction between the Fascist party and the Italian army is increasing, according to a report appearing in the New York Times yesterday.

The report says there are persistent rumours in Italy that high Fascist leaders are about to fall.

There are widespread complaints among Italians about the lack of oil and coal and unsatisfactory food conditions.

Posters appeared in the black-out inscribed "Down with Hitler!" and it is reported that several executions have been carried out on those responsible.

The New York Times says the German troops who have arrived in Italy were sent to co-ordinate the Italian war services, which are in danger of breaking down owing to sabotage.

ground and first floors of these premises within the protection of the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1939.

FLOORS PROTECTED

It was further argued for the defence that the premises, so far as these two floors are concerned, are protected for the reason that the employees of the defendant firm reside therein to the knowledge of the plaintiff.

Mr. D'Almada in opening the case for the plaintiff stated that his case was that no partner in the defendant firm used any part of the premises for residential purposes but added that the defendant firm's folks slept on the ground floor, and the plaintiff in cross-examination by Mr. Potter on this point said "It is the regular practice of Chinese firms like the defendant's for the folks to live on the shop premises. Every landlord knows that."

It is not strictly necessary for me to decide this point in view of the conclusion to which I have already come, but in view of the practical universality of the custom and the importance of the question to property owners in the Colony I think I am justified in deciding the point in this the first case before me in which it has been raised.

It is clear on the authorities that the residence of a servant is not necessarily the residence of the leasee, but if the leasee is aware that the leasee requires the premises for a two-fold purpose (whether he proposes to reside on the premises himself or not) for business purposes and as a residence for his employees, the position is different.

In the Duke of Richmond and Others v. Dewar and Others and the Cadogan Hotel Co., Ltd., 33 T.L.R. p.151, the Hotel Company were sub-tenants, one of the terms of the tenancy agreement being that the Hotel Company would not permit the premises to be occupied or used in any other way than as sleeping apartments for their staff.

NO DIFFERENCE

In delivering judgment Bankes L.J. said that he thought it could not reasonably be said that these premises were not occupied as a dwelling house because the Hotel Company used them for the purposes of their business, namely as the sleeping accommodation for their waiters. He could see no difference between this case and a case where the Hotel Company took outside accommodation for one of their managers and his wife. The house so taken would not cease to be a dwelling-house because as between the Company and their manager such occupation was for the purposes of the Company's business.

The ratio decidendi in that case was that to the knowledge of both lessor and lessee the premises were to be used as a residence for employees. In the present case we have a letting of premises with the knowledge on the part of the lessor that whatever other use the premises might be put to they would be used as a residence for the employees of the leasee, and in my judgment that knowledge and that use is sufficient to extend to the premises the protection of the Ordinance.

The plaintiff has no alleged any "greater hardship" within the meaning of Section 3 (2) of the Ordinance and there will therefore be judgment for the defendant firm.

There remain for consideration two questions. In the course of

VIOLENT AIR ATTACK ON MERSEYSIDE TOWN

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A German bomber was brought down at dawn in Lincolnshire on Friday after the first night raids of any size on England since the beginning of the week.

The Luftwaffe's attention was directed mainly against Liverpool and Merseyside, where houses were demolished and fires started which were soon brought under control.

Casualties were not expected to be heavy in Liverpool, where reports state deaths were probably less than half a dozen.

Other reports put killed at less than a score. A few people were injured in a hotel which was damaged by blast.

Houses, shops and commercial buildings were also damaged and the low casualties must be attributed to the care of the public of Liverpool—which has been raided almost as many times as London—to take shelter.

Several Nazi planes are believed to have been damaged by the intense barrage put up by Liverpool's anti-aircraft guns. In another Merseyside town the raid was described as vicious and indiscriminate. Fires started were all put out within a comparatively short time.

A third town in the same area was also attacked heavily.

A few bombs were also dropped in other parts of the country but little damage was done.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

The attack on Liverpool and Merseyside lasted several hours, states the official communiqué, which adds that by early morning the position was already well in hand.

A tannery and storage yard were set afire these and a number of other fires were all soon extinguished or brought under control. A considerable number of houses were demolished or seriously damaged but casualties are not expected to be heavy.

Threat Of Death Penalty In Holland

HEAVY HAND OF NAZI JUSTICE

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Netherlands in Holland who "insult the Fuehrer or dishonour the German army" run the risk of death.

This threat, according to authoritative Dutch circles in London yesterday, was made by the public prosecutor in the military court which regularly metes out punishment to Netherlands convicted of such offences.

The death penalty threat was made at the end of a trial in which two men and three women were convicted of distributing a poem about the bombing of Rotterdam.

SARCASTIC ANSWER

The poem, which has been widely distributed throughout Holland, was a sarcastic answer to German propaganda about "merciless attacks by the R.A.F. on Dutch civilians."

In demanding gag sentences the prosecutor stated: "After the occupation the German army has conducted itself in a fashion unique in history." A Dutch official in London, commenting on this, replied in three words: "Not only after."

the evidence on behalf of the plaintiff it transpired that the plaintiff in anticipation of getting vacant possession of the premises, had entered into an agreement for a lease of the premises at a monthly rental of \$400 a month, whereas the rent paid by the defendant firm is now \$280 a month, having in the past been considerably more. Section 3 (a) of the Ordinance empowers me to determine what increase of rent is fair and reasonable, and having regard to all the circumstances and to all the relevant evidence, including the Assessor's certificate, I determine that an increase of rent by \$50 a month to \$280 is fair and reasonable.

NO COSTS ORDER

The defence of an agreement for a lease for good consideration was not only pleaded but was permitted in throughout all the plaintiff's case and was abandoned only in the later stages of the hearing. In these circumstances I think that justice will be done if I make no order as to costs.

There will be judgment for the defendant firm on the claim, and a declaration that an increase of rent for the premises to \$280 a month is fair and reasonable.



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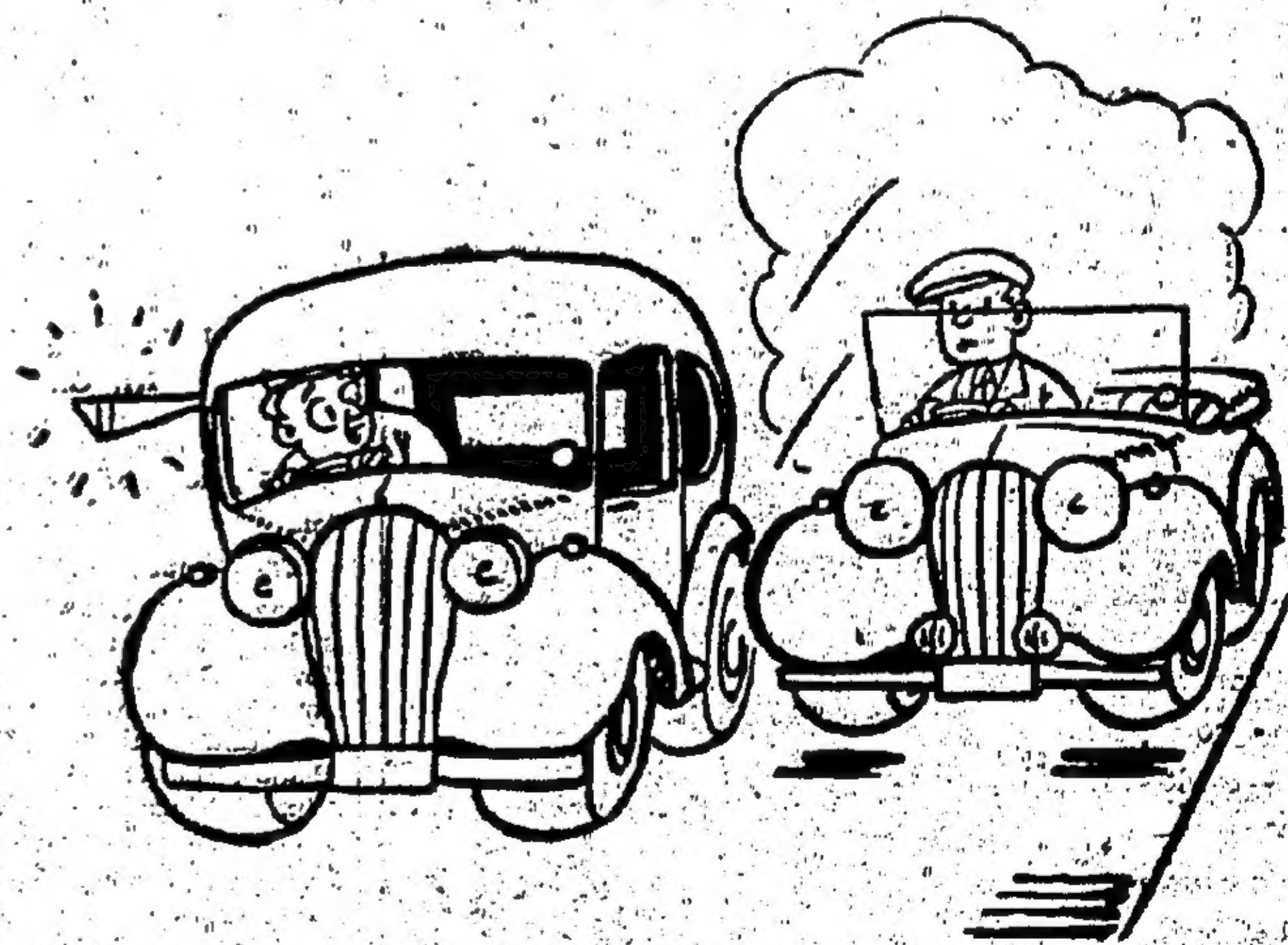
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Essential Role Of Corps Emphasised By Governor

"It is a dangerous job, an honourable job, and an essential job for those who care for the safety and welfare of their fellow countrymen," declared His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut. General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., addressing the full dress parade of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens on the Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday afternoon.

The stands were packed with a large crowd, including many leading European and Chinese personalities, representatives from the Navy, Army, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Police Force, the Air Force, the Consular Body, leading business firms and relatives and friends of the wardens on parade.

Assembled were over 2,500 wardens from nine Hongkong Divisions and seven Kowloon Divisions, the latter travelling across the harbour in two special ferries to the Tsim-nuchy Pier in Wanchai and marching to the field. They were under the command of Mr. C. E. Terry, Acting-Chief Air Raid Warden for Kowloon.

His Excellency, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain H.S. Batty-Smith, and Honorary A.D.C., Mr. Wong Sik-kuen, was met by Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director and Mr. G. A. Pentreath, Chief Air Raid Warden (Hongkong), the Director and Deputy-Director appearing in A.R.P. uniforms for the first time.

As the official party emerged from the central entrance of the main stand, the Parade was called to attention by the O.C., while the band of the Middlesex Regiment played the National Anthem and the Union Jack was broken.

His Excellency was then introduced to the Officer Commanding, Mr. C. E. Terry, after which he inspected the Parade.

On termination of the inspection, the Chief Air Raid Warden for Hongkong on behalf of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens, made a presentation of two silver ash-trays with A.R.P. badge designs to His Excellency.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH
Addressing the Corps, his Excellency said:—

"I am very fully alive to the importance of this Corps."

We have now considerable experience of the meaning and methods of modern war and we realise that the A.R.P. Wardens and A.R.P. personnel generally are emphatically front line troops; they are the fourth arm of the Service but will generally be the first into action and I would hazard a guess that their propor-

Prize Giving Day At Wah Yan

Wah Yan College held a prize giving day on Saturday in the College Hall when Dr. S. N. Chau distributed prizes to the successful students. A three-act play, "The Wounded Soldier," composed and directed by the Rev. H. E. Craig, S.J., was staged by the students.

The Rev. Father Gallagher, Prefect of Studies, said, in part:—

Last Monday Wah Yan came of age. Founded by Mr. Peter Tsui on December 16, 1919, it began very modestly indeed with one master and four pupils. The Jesuit Fathers were, in 1932, invited to assume control and formally took charge on Dec. 22 of that year.

Matriculation—22 students were presented and 19 passed with 10 distinctions, giving the school just under 70 per cent of passes.

The students of the College, together with the Past Students' Association, the girls of the Sacred Heart School and a Committee of Ladies under Mrs. Kwan, run a highly successful War Relief Association. In the three years of its existence the Association has gathered the sum of \$20,993.38.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT
The Headmaster, the Very Rev. E. Bourke, who followed said in part:—

"I think you will agree with me that the successes in studies, especially in the Matriculation examinations were remarkable. To have secured two King Edward Scholarships, qualifications for two Government Scholarships, and a first place, shows that with good material Wah Yan can produce brilliant results. I am particularly pleased that 26 out of 28 students presented for Matric passed in Chinese."

Funiety

NOVEL FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT

Described as a novel form of entertainment, Funiety, which is being presented in aid of the funds of the Hongkong Society, for the Protection of Children, is said to include many items of a style new to present day Hongkong audiences, and a few surprises.

The show is being produced by David Kossick, and he is being supported by a strong cast of artists many of whom were with him in "Vaudeville," a highly successful performance of which was presented at the Y.M.C.A. last month and has since been repeated for the entertainment of Servicemen at various centres in the Colony.

Several dance numbers are being arranged by Nellie Field and Freddy Archer is in charge of the vocal items.

"Funiety" is due to appear at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Friday, Jan. 3, at 9.15 p.m. and booking is now open at Anderson's.

ST. JOHN'S ALUMNI DINNER 'DANCE AT THE RITZ

Over three-hundred members and friends of the St. John's University Alumni Association (Hong Kong Branch) were present at the annual dinner dance held at The Ritz on Saturday night.

Among the prominent guests were Dr. Philip Tsui, former Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, Mr. Ernest Tong and Mr. T. B. Chang.

Mr. T. T. Woo, Chairman of the Association, addressed the gathering on the spirit of the present season and reminded them that they should not lose sight of the fact that the world was today in turmoil caused by war and that every one of them should do their best to promote real peace and goodwill among all men.

Mr. H. S. Yung acted as Master of Ceremonies and, in addition to dancing which was continued until 2 a.m., an excellent programme of entertainment was presented, those taking part being Mr. Samuel Wu, Mrs. Sylvia Choy and Miss Grace Chang. The function was voted a great success.

H.K.V.D.C. PARADES

There will be no parades of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Training Coy during the two weeks from Dec. 22, 1940, to Jan. 4, 1941. After the end of this week the next parades will be as follows:—

Training Cadre and Veteran Squad, Monday, Jan. 6; Training Coy, Tuesday, Jan. 7.

H.K. COLONY FINANCE: ASSETS RISE

During September the assets of the Colony continued to increase and the financial statement for that month shows that from \$18,419,552 on August 31, assets rose to \$18,734,973 at September 30.

In that period revenue was \$3,590,111, and expenditure \$3,275,094.

The monthly comparative statement of revenue shows that the figure for the year up to the end of September was \$36,861,628 compared with \$30,285,419 in 1939. The revenue for the month was nearly \$1,000,000 more than in September 1939.

Water revenue accounted for an extra \$30,000 while the Item War Revenue brought in \$521,262, making the total yield under this head for the year \$2,761,442.

Expenditure from January 1 to September 30, 1940, was \$34,918,124, the comparative figure being \$27,871,143. Expenditure in September 1940 was \$90,000 less than in September 1939. Pension payments were \$192,339 compared with \$238,666 in September last year. Cost of the Police Force was up \$24,600.

Public Works Extraordinary was \$74,000 higher, and the Item War Expenditure at \$250,321 brought the total under this head for the year to \$4,521,774.

ALPHA LAMBDA FRATERNITY SOCIAL

An enjoyable dinner dance was held by the Canton Chapter of the Alpha Lambda Fraternity in Hongkong on Friday evening at the Hongkong Hotel.

Dr. Konrad C. Hsu, toastmaster, expressed the optimistic feeling that the next annual meeting would be held in the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall in Canton.

Many local artists contributed to the entertaining programme. They were Herbert J. Ho, Dr. Timothy T. Mar, Miss Rosabel Hsu, L.T.C.L., Mr. Ernest K. Moy, Mrs. Percy Chen, Miss Pauline Chow, Mr. Liu Yu-wan, Miss Soo Chow-mul, Mrs. Kan Chieh-hou, and Dr. Joseph Yu and partner.

SON OF PROMINENT BANKER MARRIED

The wedding took place at the Registry, the Supreme Court, on Saturday of Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, solicitor of Messrs. Deacons, and son of Mr. Kan Tong-po, Manager of the Bank of East Asia, residing at No. 1, Eastern Terrace, and Miss Ng Hin-ping, the daughter of Mr. Ng Yue-hong, of No. 50, Tai-po Road, Kowloon.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated, while Mr. Kan Tong-po and Mr. Ng Yue-hong signed the register as witnesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Li Ngan, merchant, residing at No. 369, Lockhart Road, and Miss But Wing-hung, of No. 322, Hennessy Road.

Mr. G. S. Winch, clerk, of No. 58, Peel Street, and Miss Z. M. J. Vieira Ribeiro, of No. 16, Mau Lam Street, Kowloon.

XMAS CONCERT AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

More than 200 voices participated in a Christmas concert, sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. held on Saturday evening at Homanth.

The vocalists came from 12 different choirs of Chinese churches, schools, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the Chinese Y.W.C.A. and were accompanied by an orchestra.

In addition to the joint choir there were a vocal solo by Mrs. C. W. Shoop, a violin solo by Mr. Leung Ting-kai and a piano solo by Mr. Lin Shing-yip.

CLIPPER DUE ON DEC. 27

Pan American Airways' China Clipper is now expected to arrive in Hongkong Friday, Dec. 27, and to leave on Saturday morning, Dec. 28. The China Clipper is bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 17.

The Honolulu Clipper is expected to arrive on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and to leave on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

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Dec. 23rd 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Dec. 24th 9 A.M. to 11 P.M.

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CONCERTS FOR H.K. REFUGEES

Refugees will be provided with musical entertainment during the coming seven days when a series of concerts will be held in various Refugee Camps in the Colony.

The concerts have been organised by the inmates under the guidance of instructors.

Chinese New Year has been set as the day for the main entertainment.

CENTENARY STAMPS SALE POSTPONED

The sale of the Hong Kong Centenary commemorative postage stamp sets has been put off indefinitely.

The sets, which will be in the denominations of two-cents, four-cents, five-cents, 15-cents, 25-cents and one-dollar, were to have reached Hong Kong for sale in the middle of December.

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Negotiations For Supply Of Rice

Although it is not the intention of Government to turn importer, as yet, it was however learned that it has under consideration plans to ensure adequate, and regular, supplies of rice reaching the Colony.

Negotiations with Thailand for regular consignments of Saigon rice for Hongkong have reached a satisfactory stage. Government is also making investigations as to the possibilities of getting supplies from Rangoon.

Prices for rice have, during the past few days, dropped slightly, and, should Government's plans materialise, all grounds given for profiteering would be swept away, as there would then be no cause for fears of a shortage.

Hongkong consumes about 100,000 bags (or 18,000,000 pounds) of rice per month.

GYMNASTIC AND DRILL DISPLAY

The first annual gymnastic and drill display of the Hongkong University Union was carried out without a hitch on Saturday night at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium.

The display was attended by a large crowd of spectators, which included Mr. and Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, Mr. D. J. Gloss, Vice-Chancellor, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowling, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Li Tse-fong, the Rev. Fr. Gallagher, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, and Professors R. Robertson, L. Forster and F. A. Redmond.

The ladies in the display were under the leadership of Miss F. J. Lee, the Union's Honorary Instructor, while the men were led by Mr. K. S. Lee, the Union's Instructor. Music was provided by Mr. S. S. Yu.

Y'S MEN'S CHILDREN XMAS PARTY

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by a large number of kiddies at the grounds of the Kowloon Tong School on Saturday when the Y's Men's Club gave its annual children's Christmas party.

A highlight of this party was the exchange of gifts, each child bringing along a toy which was then numbered and drawn for later. The chief attraction was the donkey ride.

Arrangements were in the hands of Mesdames Peter S. Wong, Peter H. Sin, Yinson Lee, James T. Choy and others. Among those present were Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, Y's Director Emeritus for China, Dr. F. T. Tsung, Governor of South China District and Mr. P. Wong, President of the Club.

CHEUNG CHAU XMAS PARTY

The children of Cheung Chau's foreign community made merry at a Christmas party held on Friday evening in the Assembly Hall. Gay and original games were played before Father Christmas (Mr. D. O. Silver) came through the chimney place with a sack full of presents and sweets to distribute to all those present, as he made amusing and appropriate comments on each one.

Refreshments were exceptionally pleasing and delicious, and all returned home pleased and happy. Many of the American residents have booked passages and are returning to America, some at the end of the month and others at the beginning of the New Year.

Other missionaries are hoping to return to their stations in the interior of China as soon as transport is available, even though travelling is dangerous at present.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1941:—

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- (2) Private Chair & Driver Licences
- (3) Tricycle & Driver Licences
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2nd. and January 24th., 1941.

C. G. PERDUE,
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23rd. December, 1940.
Hong Kong.

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Instead of 30251 as hitherto.

The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG REEL CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, 10th January, 1940, from 9.30 p.m. to 2.00 a.m.

A special Ferry for Hongkong residents will leave Kowloon at 2.30 a.m. on 11th January.

Members of the Club and members of St. Andrew's Society who wish to participate in this function are requested to communicate with the undersigned (Tel. 28041) before 4th JANUARY, in order to facilitate arrangements for accommodation.

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Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 6th day of January, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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GOVERNOR AT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, was present among a large appreciative audience at the 13th annual Christmas concert held in the Great Hall of the University last evening. The concert was sponsored by the University Christian Association.

In addition to Christmas carols sung by a chorus composed of professors and students of the University, the audience also joined in community singing.

Solos were also rendered by Miss Liu Ben-yeh and Mr. J. R. M. Smith, A.R.C.O.

The conductor was Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L. while at the piano was Miss Caroline Braga, F.T.C.L.

A collection was taken in aid of the Society for the Protection of Children, the Hongkong School for the Deaf and the Street Sweepers' Shelter Society.

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KEY TO EUROPE'S TRANSITION

AS ANOTHER YEAR draws to a close amid the turmoil and tribulation of war, under the scourge of which half of Europe lies today under the heel of a barbaric invader who has sought to impose on them, in the words of a high German official, "a form of mediaeval slavery," the thoughts of free peoples in free countries which remain outside the evil influence of totalitarianism are turning to discover the key to the transition of Europe from the hollow accomplishments of dictatorial treachery and violence. What fifteen months of war have done is to make it plain to the world—or, at least, that part of the world which still cherishes the principles of freedom and justice—that what the dictatorial powers have achieved and what they are trying to establish, as the basis of a system which they have misnamed a "New Order," cannot, and will not, be endured. Throughout the year that is now closing its doors on the horrible picture of brutality and misery created by the unrestrained passion for power, men and women in all parts of the world, imbued with a deep sense of what is right and what is wrong, have sought to study the world situation and have told the free thinking peoples of every race, creed and nationality how impossible it is to accept the principles of the totalitarian system.

AMONGST THOSE who have taken a foremost part in making known the results of their study of the developments from the start of the hostilities and the effect they have had on human psychology are Mr. J. B. Priestley and Mr. Wickham Steed, whose talks as regular speakers from the British Broadcasting Corporation have done much to enlighten the less intelligent and the less discerning people to a true picture of the situation. The whole gamut of world affairs in their relation to the chaos caused by war have come within the scope of their study—international politics, labour problems, social systems and financial and economic ills. Here is a particularly striking and convincing statement on the conclusions which Mr. Priestley has arrived at as a result of his examination of these subjects:

"We are proving on every field of war that democracy can fight like a wounded lion. But that is only half of it. The next step, which cannot be postponed until the end of the war, is to show that democracy is a creative principle and that what the world has been suffering from is not too much of it, but too little of it."

THAT, IN BRIEF AND CONCISE FORM, puts the whole search for a key to bring about a transition of the state of Europe in a position to which all future attention should be unremittingly directed. It is a plea, not for some plan of self-aggrandisement or self-glorification by an individual

LITTLE FLOWER CLUB HOLD XMAS PARTY

The Little Flower Club held their annual Christmas party at their new clubhouse at King's Park yesterday afternoon when some 117 kiddies from one to 14 years of age received gifts from Santa Claus.

An interesting feature of the show, and one that was much enjoyed by all present from children to grown-ups, was an "Amateur Hour" for girls and boys. Fr. H. de Angella and Fr. A. Rignati acted as judges.

The little girls' prize was won by Fernanda Rodrigues, age five, who sang "Rock-a-bye, baby!" Norman Lewis, six years old, won the boys' prize, his contribution being two pieces on the mouth organ, "Veleta" and "Springtime in the Rockies." His elder brother, Alec, 13, accompanied on the piano.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Little Flower Club Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 23. There will be a Christmas tree and gifts for the diners. A good attendance of members is looked forward to.

Ballroom Fight

Some excitement was caused at the Emporium Ballroom last night about 9 o'clock when 15 to 16 of the patrons, said to be Shanghai men, were involved in a fight.

The Emergency Unit was called out but before their arrival all the "participants" had dispersed.

The actual cause of the fight was not known but from what could be gathered it was understood that the quarrel was over some of the taxi dancers of the ballroom.

TOKYO CABINET RESHUFFLE

For the avowed purpose of strengthening the Government the Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, yesterday carried out a reshuffle of his Cabinet.

The new appointments are: Baron Kichiro Hirayama, Minister without portfolio and former premier and president of the Privy Council, who has been made Minister of Home Affairs, and Li-Gen. Yanagawa, Secretary-General of the China Affairs Board, who becomes Minister of Justice.

The appointment of Baron Hirayama as Home Minister is generally regarded as increasing Rightist influence in the Cabinet, which in future will revolve around the "Hirayama-Konoye Axis."

democratic power, but for a worldwide understanding and acceptance of principles which have proved their value and importance to an ordered life, the preservation of civilisation and unmenaced national existence. These are objectives which were unequalled even after the last World War and they show how high are the aspirations of those who are trying to bring about a transition within democracy itself to make it acceptable, not only to Europe, but to the whole world. It is an appeal that is already being answered and the creative principle of democracy has shown that what is aimed at is certainly a much higher concept than that which has been bared to the world under the cloak of the "virtues" of Nazism and Fascism. The trend of world opinion towards this realisation and understanding of democracy is the clearest indication that the object before the people has been clearly defined and that their hopes are not based merely on a military victory, but on the results and benefits that will accrue to each and every one of them after the battle has been won. This is the real virtue of democracy and nothing can stop it from gaining in strength even though the struggle for military supremacy still remains to be won on its side.

NEWSETTES

A "Christmas Carols" night was held by the Discussion Group of the European Y.M.C.A. last night.

Mr. Henry Arthur Mills has been appointed to act as Postmaster General with effect from Nov. 18, 1940.

Sergeant Robert Gerald Geer, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Three huts were burned down when a fire broke out at Wong-chukhang, Aberdeen, yesterday afternoon. No lives were lost.

Mr. John Keith Bousfield, M.C., has resumed duty as Organiser of the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Harold Carsten John Asche, has been permitted to quit and Cecil Robert Smirke has been enrolled in the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

The Government Trained Teachers' Union held a supper dance at the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Central British Association held its annual supper dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday when an entertainment cabaret programme was provided.

Mr. W. Brown will address the Hongkong Rotary Club tomorrow on "A Visit to Samoa." The address will be illustrated with lantern slides. At the following meeting of the Club on Dec. 31, Mr. H. C. Margrett will speak on "Lighting Problems in connexion with A.R.P."

A most enjoyable Chinese dinner party was held at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Saturday night by members of the Staff of the Social Hygiene section of the Medical Department. Among those present were Dr. T. Walter Ware, Dr. K. L. Cheung, Dr. Y. K. Chow and Mr. A. Steven.

In order to facilitate Chinese merchants coming from neighbouring towns and villages to sell their wares, and coming and going to settle their accounts during the Chinese New Year festival season, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has petitioned Government through the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, to postpone enforcement of the Immigration Regulations until Feb. 15, 1941.

All members of both the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Medical Association are requested to be present at a meeting to be held on Friday at 9.15 p.m. in the Urban Council Chamber, in which Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper, entitled: "Medical Practice in Hong Kong in 1940."

The marriage took place in Shanghai recently of Dr. Gisela Varo, M.D., of Shanghai to Dr. Anne Rocard, M.D. of Shanghai.

The wedding took place in Shanghai, on Dec. 14, at the Church of Christ the King of Mr. J. W. M. Martin, of the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd., and son of Mrs. W. Martin of Shanghai and the late Mr. W. Martin, and Miss Joyce Bidwell, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Bidwell of Shanghai and the late Mr. G. S. V. Bidwell.

R.A.O.C. CHOIR AT SMOKING CONCERT

The R.A.O.C. Choir, under the leadership of Lieut. J. Sutcliffe, made its first public appearance when the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Club of the Corps held a Smoking Concert in the Reading Room of the Gloucester Hotel on Saturday night.

Among the many invited artists who took part was Mr. G. D'Aquino, well-known local tenor, who was loudly applauded for his rendition.

\$7,000 LOSS

Jewellery to the value of \$7,000 was stolen when a thief entered the residence of Dr. W. S. Kwan, No. 18 Caine Road about 3 a.m. on Saturday, by climbing up a drain pipe and bending a bar of the bedroom on the second floor.

SOFIA, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian authorities have stopped shipping traffic along the Bulgarian coast, owing to danger of ice-floes. Traffic is also held up in the Danube owing to floating ice.

Interesting Broadcast Talk On India

An interesting talk on India was given by Mr. Edwin Howard, former Editor of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, from the Z. B. W. Studio last night.

Mr. Howard said, in part:—What is the situation in India—that sub-continent of 340 million people now ranged with the rest of British Empire in the fight against Nazism? May I give you my recent impressions from a brief visit after twelve years' absence.

Starting from Colombo, my wife and I travelled by rail to Simla—a five days journey through the heart of the country, then facing the sublimity of the late summer. We passed Madras where young Indian airmen were displaying their skill for appointment to the Indian Air Force. Wardha, where the executive of the Congress Party were in session, the Nizam's dominions, proud of the exploits of the Hyderabad Squadron of the R. A. F. in Europe. Nagpur, revelling in a bountiful monsoon, and Delhi, blazing with Northern India's heat, till the hill railway walled us to the refreshing coolness of the Himalayan capital.

Pressure of war news on cable space blurs our view of the distant Indian scene. We know that Indian troops emerged from the Dunkirk epic with superbly maintained discipline. Other Indian units have been sharing in the defence of Egypt and Singapore. Hongkong has long appreciated the soldierly qualities of the men who for many years formed part of its garrison and its police force. Hongkong is, therefore, not surprised to learn that their comrades are greatly distinguishing themselves in Libya with forces of the Empire.

VOLUNTARY BASIS

The Indian Army recruited on a voluntary basis is being increased from 150,000 by an additional 100,000 men. No difficulty is being experienced either in finding suitable recruits for this expansion, or in selecting Indians of the right type for Emergency Commissions.

The franchise of British India, which came into force in 1937, produces an electorate of 35 million, and a high percentage—60 per cent. I think—went to the polls in that year. Contentment, friendliness and peace reigned in the India to which I returned. The marked increase in the number of Indians playing important, even dominant roles in the administration was evident.

Yet I could perceive no falling off in the cordiality of the relations between Indians and British—rather the reverse, for the liveliness of political controversy seemed if anything to have imported an easier comradeship, and firmer sense of mutual respect. The Press of all shades of opinion bore testimony to an eager confidence of the Empire's victory despite the grimness of the struggle imposed by the deliberate aggressiveness of the enemy.

Nowhere could I discern anything but the most earnest hope that Nazism would be defeated.

Why then, you may ask, has that Party broken with the Government, and why have certain of its prominent members courted arrest and imprisonment? The new constitution which Parliament devised for India in 1935, after six years' elaborate inquiry and consultation in India and London, was framed to bring the Indian states for the first time into direct formal relationship with the eleven provinces of British India in a Federal Government responsible to a Federal Legislature composed of the representatives of the rulers of those states, and of the elected Legislatures of the Provinces.

ENTRY RESENTED

On the outbreak of war, the Congress Party—despite its manifest sympathy with the decision to fight Germany—resented the fact that India's entry into the war was envisaged merely by the British Government's own formal declaration in London. Unlike the dominions India could not declare war on her own account, since her central Government was still responsible solely to the Parliament at Westminster through the Secretary of State for India.

The Congress Party leaders decided, therefore, that as a protest against this state of things the eight Ministers manned by their members should resign. Some of these Ministers recognising that

CORRESPONDENCE

GLORY LITERATURE ASSOC'S CONCERT

To The Editor.

I have to emphasise to the fact that our Glory Literature Association will hold its first opening celebration on the Christmas holiday at 10, Peace Avenue, Kowloon.

We shall be only too glad to welcome any one if he or she is deeply interested in such of our action. We shall have many plays offering to both guests and members in the due time.

It is happy for us to note that we have received a lot of interesting letters from your readers about the coming concert, which will incidentally be a happy one without any consideration.

WONG SHIU LAU

provincial administration had no concern with defence or foreign affairs, and that valuable opportunities of serving India had been given them, were reluctant to obey but Party discipline prevailed.

In one Province, Assam, an alternative Ministry was formed. In the seven others the Governors, assisted by specially appointed advisers from the permanent Civil service, took over the administration under the emergency provisions of the Constitution.

Actually the British Government—certainly not by a stroke of the pen—could not alter the conditions against which the protest was made. For, as already explained, pending the advent of Federation, the Government of India—consisting of the Viceroy, the Commander in Chief, three Indian and three British Officials—was responsible not to the Indian Legislature, but to Parliament. The British declaration of War therefore put India automatically at war with Germany.

The formal announcement of that event was followed by the Viceroy's separate consultation with 55 Party leaders. This, however, did not move the Congress party and the breakdown remained. In August, when I was nearing India, the Government offered to expand the Viceroy's Cabinet to include representatives of the leading parties. It declared that Dominion Status would be India's as soon as possible after the war had ended.

It proposed to set up an Advisory War Committee comprising nominees of British India and the Indian States. It agreed to the formation of Constituent Assembly after the War to draw up a Constitution satisfactory to Indian opinion.

Congress Party leaders, for reasons which seemed good to them, remained adamant. Through Mr. Gandhi, they asked for the right to carry their pacifism to the point of making speeches, or engaging in other activities designed to enforce that belief. The Viceroy made it clear, however, that if the Congress Party challenged his decision, the Government would act. Mr. Gandhi, as the Spokesman of the Congress party, disclaimed any intention to embarrass the British war effort, but intimated that arrest would be resented. So that explains the news that certain prominent Congress party leaders have been arrested, among them men who have lately held office in the Ministries. This has been a disappointment to the Government.

Apparently an impasse has been reached, but the essential pace and strength of India's participation in the war ought not to be affected. The dispute is a domestic matter and of no concern to the outside world. It derives from the Congress Party's desire to assert dissatisfaction with the present constitutional position of India, and not from any weakening of India's resolute abhorrence of the Italy-German design for living. I am no prophet.

I can readily perceive dangers in this unhappy controversy. Yet in a sense it proves the reality of British-Indian comradeship by showing that under the shadow of war political differences can be thrashed out in public with a minimum of bad feeling. India as a whole, like other component parts of the Empire, still holds firm in resisting the gangster monstrosity emanating from Berlin and Rome. She knows that on the successful outcome of the Allied war effort her own future happiness, as that of the rest of the civilised world, vitally depends.

BRITISH BOMBERS OVER BERLIN ON LONGEST NIGHT OF YEAR

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—WHEN BERLIN WAS COVERED WITH SNOW LAST NIGHT—the longest night of the year—British bombers were over the German capital, both early and late.

THE ATTACK WAS REMARKABLE for the audacity with which some British bombers flew right over house tops, sometimes flying at little more than 100ft. During such low level attacks, it was easy to see what damage had been done and one aircraft which roared over the main railway station at just below 1,000ft. returned with a vivid story.

The pilot saw a bomb burst in the very centre of the station and the rear gunner looked back to see debris flying in the air. The pilot then swooped lower on a group of searchlights and battery guns.

Both front and rear gunners fired hundreds of rounds at point blank range and in brilliant moonlight, they saw the anti-aircraft crews stagger and fall.

The chief objectives of the raid were factories, godyards and railway stations in Berlin and early in the night, an aircraft factory was attacked. Fires lit by the first bomber guided its successors and a list of fires started and the subsequent explosions were made by the pilots who came over this target during the period well over the hour.

AMERICAN BASE FOR HEAVY BOMBERS

SAINT LUCIA, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—An extensive area at Vieux Fort, at the southern end of Saint Lucia, largest of the British Windward Islands, has been selected by the United States military authorities for a large heavy bomber base.

This is in addition to the sea-plane base on Grosvenor Island, at the northern end of the island, which was already announced.

Extension Of Malaya's Defences

An extension of Malaya's defences to the mainland, in addition to Singapore and Penang, was announced by His Excellency Sir Shenton Thomas, G.C.M.G., O.B.E., Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Malay Federated States yesterday, according to a message from London.

Sir Shenton said that a considerable number of troops have arrived there to fulfil Britain's determination to protect the countries for which she is a trustee. Malaya's defence will be brought to a higher standard of efficiency.

A complete registration of all women for war work, has been started and Sir Shenton said: "We want to get every man and woman in Malaya into this war effort."

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry casualty list issued yesterday includes Pilot Officer C. R. Young who was killed in action. Pilot Officer Young was born in Kuala Lumpur. His father is living in Pahang.

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said that the three members of the Paris Embassy staff would be withdrawn.

The Berlin Foreign Office spokesman said that Germany had observed the support with which the United States is giving Britain in her "moral struggle" and that it will be of the greatest interest to see how the United States intend to answer the British Minister's demands.

"In the long run" he added, "it is intolerable for relations between the two nations that one side should exercise the utmost reserve while a contrary attitude is tolerated from the other."

Berlin political circles, he added, considered that the United States had been "challenged" to "commit a warlike action" which could only be described as "supporting England."

FATE OF RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—On the reaction of the United States to the question of appropriating "enemy shipping" in American waters and transferring it to Britain hangs the fate of future relations between Nazi

Germany and the United States, a German Foreign Office spokesman told foreign journalists in Berlin yesterday, according to a Trans-Radio report from the Nazi capital.

BLUNT "NO"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—When Mr. Cordell Hull was asked if he had any comment to make on the Berlin reaction to Mr. Ronald Cross's pronouncement and possible United States action, he replied with a blunt "no."

It is also understood that the International and United States Law of Eminent Domain, which gives lordship of sovereign power over all property in the State with rights of expropriation, is not being overlooked.

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—It is unconfirmably reported here that the first Japanese Minister to Australia would be the former Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, who was also formerly Consul-General in Shanghai. Mr. Kawai has just returned from a world tour as Minister at Large.

Important Development May Come From Vichy

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make America do this—a fine piece of bluff.

"The Germans are getting alarmed of the scale and extent of American aid to Britain and of the American determination not to allow Britain to be defeated.

"Up to a short time ago, the Germans were saying they did not care about the help that America was giving to Britain. A week or two ago, a German broadcast declared that Germany had no cause to think that any effective help would materialise for Britain on the lines suggested by President Roosevelt and was convinced that it could not strengthen Britain overnight or even in a month or three months time."

"They now know that if America is helping England, it is not only for England's sake but for her own sake. The whole thing may be a warning to America, but it is a warning which may be given an interpretation which will scarcely please the Germans."

LAVAL INCIDENT

Mr. Lakin then turned to the developments in Vichy in connexion with the Laval incident. "Has Marshal Petain, despite German pressure, refuse to reinstate

M. Laval?" he asks. "We shall know the answer to that in a few days. It seems certain that Germany is trying very hard to force Vichy into a new co-operation agreement. This co-operation is between the field and the locusts. The Germans have been stealing everything from France and the French people will run short of everything in Christmas."

"You only have to take the German boasts of the comfortable Christmas the Germans are going to have and compare it with the recipes given out by Vichy for frugal and cheap meals during the season to know what this co-operation means."

"As for the political proposals to Vichy, Germany still wants the French to help her in the war against England, but Herr Hitler has left Marshal Petain with no illusions about a soldier's peace. Marshal Petain has his little trumps to play. Since the French are going to be robbed of everything they are going to have, why should he give in with nothing to give up and nothing to lose."

"At any rate it means that the French will have their Navy and their Empire, which the Germans cannot lay their hands on."

REASONED RATIONING:

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BRITISH & NAZI SYSTEMS: PREVENTING SHORTAGE

The difference between the British and German systems of rationing was explained in a talk from London yesterday by a well-known economic expert, who envisaged, in the course of his comments, that "more rationing was in the air."

The speaker made a plea for the rationing of more articles which people in Britain could be without. He said: "The Germans are sinking a lot of our ships and, from the war point of view, this position is serious. But we have shown that we can take it well and it is, therefore, common sense to say that we should give up more of the things that we can spare."

GUNS INSTEAD OF BUTTER

The speaker opened his remarks by stating that there was rationing in Germany before the war, not because the Germans could not get all the food they wanted, but because they preferred to produce and purchase goods of war.

"Guns instead of butter was their choice," said the speaker, "and it is still, not only for themselves, but for the people they have conquered."

"There was another reason for this pre-war rationing," went on the speaker. "The Germans knew they might have to go short when the war did come, so the Nazis got ready for it. It was not a sign of shortage and it is not a sign of shortage now. It is a preventive against shortage and that is why they will not let food from their stores go to the conquered peoples."

"You will see from this, now foolish it would be for us to allow food to pass through our blockade for the people in the occupied territories, whose resources too the Germans have taken to prevent their own shortage."

The difference between rationing in Germany and in Britain, according to the speaker, was that in Germany many more things were rationed, in addition to nearly all textile goods, boots and shoes, coal and soap. By this rationing, Germany was saving the raw materials which she used to import before, but which she could not do now.

BRITISH REASON

"That, however, is not the reason why we ration," said the speaker. "We are not really short of tea, sugar, meat, etc., but we want other things more. So we have cut

down on these things to release ships for the other things and this helps to make sure that we will not be short later on."

"It is not the rationing that is different, but the kind of rationing. With us it is just a case of a few articles of food, but with them it is pretty well the whole menu."

"It is the comprehensiveness that makes the German rationing more strict than ours. The rations we get at home is not all that we can have. We can have our meals outside, in cafes, restaurants or canteens without having to give coupons at all. Our share of food is, therefore, our rations plus what we can get outside the home."

"In Germany, however, the ration is the limit. One cannot have a slice of bread or a cut of bacon or meat without giving up a coupon."

BETTER OFF

"The real reason is that we are better off for food than they are. We have to import more than half of our food, while they grow nearly everything and it takes more men to grow food in Germany than it does here to import what we really want. They have to use a wasteful lot of men to grow food and that is a nuisance."

"A lot of people are beginning to say that we are too well off and I am not so sure that they are not right. Rationing has been very useful to Germany and it may be more useful to us if we used it more."

"As I said before, rationing does not mean shortage, but a preventive against shortage and we need more of it here to release ships for more urgent duties."

"We do eat more per head today than any other country in Europe. We are probably eating not less now than we did six or seven years ago and even during the great trade depression. And when you come to think of it, a war like this is a bigger business than a depression."

"So more rationing is in the air here. Bacon may be scarcer and we may have to stop importing fruit, but it is common sense to say that we should give up more of the things that we can spare."

ESPIONAGE IN ITALY: HEAVY SENTENCES

VERY HEAVY SENTENCES WERE PASSED ON 24 PEOPLE WHO WERE ACCUSED OF SPYING IN ITALY, states a London message.

There were two death penalties and the accused included two members of the Italian Navy, a workman and a trade representative at Taranto.

The Rome message states on Saturday evening a special tribunal for the defence of the State ended a case for military espionage against 24 people for spying activities in Italy.

Sentence of death was passed on the trade representative and on Francis Giussapy, a quartermaster in the Italian Navy.

Three of the accused were sent to a convict prison for an unspecified term.

A workman and his wife and

a sergeant in the Navy were also imprisoned. Two of the accused were sentenced to 30 years.

One of these was a woman who is reported to be an Austrian by birth. The other is a man of unknown nationality.

The remainder were sent to prison for terms ranging from 10 to 16 years.

The two death sentences were carried out on Sunday morning on the outskirts of Rome.

New U.S. Office To Deal With The Arms Programme

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The formation of a new Office of Production Management for Defence, to head the enormous programme for rearming the nation while producing arms for Britain, was announced by President Roosevelt at a special press conference.

Mr. William Knudsen, Chairman of the Defence Commission, will be Director of the new Office, with Mr. Sidney Hillman, now Defence Commission member for labour problems, as associate director.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation placing 15 additional items, including a number of machine-tools, under the Export Licensing Regulations in the interest of national defence.

Another Blow At Duce's Shattered Prestige

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The British Fleet's penetration in the Adriatic and the bombardment of Valona, were regarded by the newspapers as another blow at both Mussolini's shattered prestige and Italy's shattered forces.

Under the heading: "Italian Seas?" the DAILY TELEGRAPH writes that one of Mussolini's primary objects in entering the war was notoriously to establish a claim to call the Mediterranean "mare nostrum."



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POLICE REPORTS.

Mr. A. E. Perry, of No. 13, Homestead Street, has reported that an overcoat, money and other articles, valued at \$50.21, were stolen from his residence on Friday.

Mr. C. H. L. Curtoys, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported to the Police that \$186 in money was stolen from his person when his pocket was picked while in Hongkong between 9.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. on Friday.

Lee Shiu-wing, of Room 312, China Building, has reported the theft of \$35.50 on Friday.

Clothing and articles to the value of \$115 has been reported stolen from his house by Wang Kiam of No. 304 Nathan Road on Friday between 1 and 6 a.m.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

MUI TSUI CASE

Charged with bringing into the Colony, on Dec. 8, an unregistered mul tsai, Tse Ching-yau, a 27-year-old married woman, Luk Yiu-chun, of No. 135, Hollywood Road, first floor, was fined \$30, in default, one month's imprisonment by Mr. Lowry on Saturday.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the girl went to the No. 7 Police Station and made a report that she had been assaulted by the defendant. She said she was an unregistered mul tsai and had been sold for \$16 to defendant.

Insp. Fraser added that no marks, except a few scratches, were found on the girl.

POSSESSION OF TREES

A fine of \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Sheldon on Saturday on Li Shing, 21, unemployed who pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of 153 young trees at Morrison Hill Road on Dec. 20.

Mr. I. P. Tamworth, of the Forestry Department, said that defendant was formerly employed as a gardener at the Protestant Cemetery but was dismissed a month ago for cutting trees. The trees were for medicinal purposes. The trees cut were valued at \$75.50.

STOLE SPECTACLES

Pleading guilty to stealing a pair of spectacles belonging to Mr. W. Golding, of the Gloucester Hotel, at Queen's Road Central on Dec. 19, Chan Kam-sui, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Lowry on Saturday.

Sub-Insp. T. K. Whelan said that the complainant was shopping in a curios shop and put down the pair of spectacles on the counter.

THEFT OF \$25

Appearing before Mr. Lowry on a charge of stealing from the person of Mr. A. Welles-Burns, of Fort Jubilee, \$25 in money at Connaught Road Central on Dec. 20, Chan Chiu, 38, unemployed, blacksmith, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Sub-Insp. Whelan said that complainant went into the Cable Company to pay a bill and while there defendant came from behind and extracted the money from his hip pocket. This was seen by Chief Inspector Wood, of the Sanitary Department, who arrested defendant.

GAMBLING RAID

Exporters, businessmen and clerks were among the 21 people, including two women, who were charged with taking part in gambling at the Emporium Building on Friday.

Of this number, only seven appeared before Mr. Lowry on Saturday and were each fined \$5, the others had their bail of \$10 each exonerated.

A fine of \$60 was imposed by the Magistrate on Ng Cheung, 35, boy, charged with keeping a gaming house at the Wu Nam Room of China Emporium Building on Friday for the purpose of pal kau.

Det-Sgt. J. R. Cullinan said that the place was raided by the Police on Friday at about 10.15 p.m. Money picked up, amounting to \$58.70, was ordered to be put into the Poor Box.

AUDACIOUS THEFT FOILED

Before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday Kan Wai-man, 27, coolie, was charged with breaking into No. 7 On Lok Lane, the stores of the Union Drug Company, on Dec. 18 and stole from it two bales of paper worth \$225.20.

Det-Sgt. J. Bentley stated that at about 5.30 a.m. on Dec. 18 two Chinese detectives on patrol went into On Lok Lane and saw defendant, who was holding a torch and two locks, two other men and six coolies, but the two men escaped. Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

THREE MONTHS FOR \$25

Charged with larceny of \$25 from Chang Chan by purporting that he was employed by the Sun Fat Kee firm, Li Hee, 28, unemployed, who pleaded guilty to the offence, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry on Saturday.

Det-Sgt. W. Summers said that the complainant received a consignment of fish from the Sun Fat Kee company on board the ss. Tai On on Nov. 30. While the fish was being unloaded the bill for the consignment was lost.

On the same day defendant went to complainant at the Western Market and collected the money with the bill. Several days later defendant was seen on the wharf and arrested. Defendant admitted that he picked up the bill and that he had spent all the money.

AT KOWLOON

SIX MONTHS FOR BURGLAR

Wong Sin, who had 11 previous convictions for which he had served 14 years in prison during the past 22 years, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen on Saturday with theft of a quantity of jewellery from Leung Hop Kee at No. 40 Tai Nam Street about 2 a.m. on November 11.

The property stolen were two pairs of gold ear-rings, a gold bracelet, gold chain, four finger rings, a gold sovereign, six Silver Hongkong dollars, two half pence, a pearl bangle and woollen sweater.

The defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, Det-Sgt. Baldwin prosecuted.

STOLE FROM SHOWCASE

Three months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Himsforth on Saturday on Chan Yau, 32, for attempting to steal from a showcase and for possession of instrument fit for unlawful purpose.

It was stated that the defendant broke the showcase of a shop at No. 577, Shanghai Street on Friday and stole from there a quantity of goods. When arrested he had a crowbar in his possession.

FALSE PRETENCES

Convicted for obtaining money by falsely pretending that he was in a position to obtain employment in the Nam Yung Film Company, To Chun, 33, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Himsforth on Saturday.

Det-Sgt. C. Downman said that the first complainant met To on October 31 and was told employment could be obtained for him, on payment of \$120 for badge and photo for the pass.

Later in a similar manner the defendant obtained \$240 from Yeung Yung and Lok Yu. He was arrested when he met the first complainant.

Vaccinators Appointed

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed the following persons to perform vaccination, with effect Dec. 15, 1940:—

R. R. Wood, H. L. Lockhart, S. Eccleshall, C. Strange, F. W. Bradley, E. N. Ponsford, G. H. Sherriff, T. Seddon, W. Littlewood, A. C. Sinton, G. Frost, A. W. T. White, T. W. H. King, A. Foster, J. Gellatly, W. B. Allen, H. J. Woolley, E. L. Powell, E. F. Warburton, E. A. Chater, C. T. Champelovier, R. A. Simpson, V. M. Benwell, H. F. Old, B. William, M. D. Watson, M. E. Purvis, W. T. Bilson, A. C. Tribble, A. W. Fowler, A. W. Mackenzie, C. W. L. Spradbery, W. E. B. Tanner, E. D. Robbins, G. H. A. Morris, E. J. Whitgob, E. T. Harris, W. C. Walker.

Chung Yik-mui, Chung Wing-kwong, Lai Kee-leung, Tsang Shiu-cheung, Yeung Kam-on, Leung Tak-wai, Tang Ho-yun, Chung Pui-sun, Wong Peng-ho, Chan Cheong-wing, Ko Tsok-yum, Chan Tak-chun, Wong Wing-sum, Mok Kwong-lu, Leung Mo-fan, Lam Yu-bun, Fung Man-kam, Yu Hing-wan, Kwok Wai-man, Wong Yam-sang, Chan Kai-jan, Paul Lam, Wong Wai-ping, Wong Man-yui, Pun Yui-wah, Leung Kwok-chun, Mo Luen-cheung, Ho Hok-hoi, Kwok Ying-kong, Leung Hon-ming, Kwok Hon-ming, Ma Chiu-tung, Cheung Men-chio, Chow Yau-pui, Tam Ping-kwan, Cheung Tam-yau, Tsang Shiu-woon, Ko Te-shun, Lee Po-tin, Leung Tai-shing and Ho Chung-yin.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following cases were notified to the local Health authorities on Friday:—Tuberculosis 18, measles 2, small-pox, diphtheria, enteric fever and cerebro-spinal fever, one each.

EASTERN PORTS

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending Dec. 14 is as follows:—Cholera, Rangoon 10 cases; small-pox, Rangoon six cases.

money with the bill. Several days later defendant was seen on the wharf and arrested. Defendant admitted that he picked up the bill and that he had spent all the money.

Yachting

CORINTHIAN SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The 4th Corinthian Series Championship race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed on Saturday resulted in wins for Joss (Major G. E. Neve) in the "A" Class and Wendy (Mr. H. W. Browne) in the "Mixed Class."

Detailed results follow:—

"A" CLASS

	Corrected Pos.
Joss (Major G. E. Neve)	16.55.59 1
Artemis (Mr. G. G. Wood)	16.58.39 2
Petrel (Mr. C. D. Hyde)	16.58.45 3
Maureen (Mr. D. Allen)	17.01.35 4
Koala (Mrs. M. Johnson)	17.04.34 5
Painted Lady (Capt. G. V. Bird)	17.05.31 6
True Blue (Mr. L. Garner)	17.06.09 7
Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills)	17.06.27 8
La Linda (Mr. P. D. A. Chiddell)	17.08.38 9
Typhoon Chat (Mr. E. Hutmeyer)	17.11.37 10
Jean (Mr. L. C. Baker)	17.17.52 11

"MIXED" CLASS

	Finished Corr. Pos.
Wendy (Mr. H. W. Browne)	17.21.07 16.58.52 2
Diana (Mr. R. Arundell)	17.17.41 17.17.41 5
Alisa (Capt. W. A. Ingram)	17.08.09 18.54.48 1
Owl (Mr. W. F. Webb)	17.36.48 17.14.33 5
Widgeon (Major J. H. Brown)	17.25.17 17.09.42 4
Eryl (Capt. J. H. Manro)	17.25.14 17.09.57 3

ARMY DEFEAT YACHT CLUB BY A POINT

Army beat the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club by a single point in a sailing race yesterday. Details were:—

MORNING RACE

	Pts.
Capt. J. Krogh-Moe and W. P. Webb	7
E. Garner and T. C. Fairburn	4
F. Hyde and J. D. McClatchie	7
G. Blake and J. L. Anderson	6
	12

AFTERNOON RACE

	Pts.
Capt. Mills and Le Seellour	3
Major Neve and Belton	8
Major Gen. Grisset and Capt. Cartwright-Taylor	6
Capt. Berridge and Wedderburn	1
	18
	18
	36

R.H.K. Yacht Club

	Pts.
Garner and Fairburn	5
Capt. Krogh-Moe and Webb	2
Blake and K. M. A. Barnett	7
Hyde and McClatchie	4
	18
	17
	35

MORNING

	Pts.
	18
	18
	36

Total

	Pts.
	18
	17
	35

Total

	Pts.
	18
	17
	35

Total

KOWLOON MOTOR MISHAP

Miss L. E. Turner, during sister attached to the Kowloon Hospital, knocked down an unknown Chinese on Saturday night at the junction of Nathan and Jordan Roads.

According to a Police report, Miss Turner was driving along Nathan Road from the Star Ferry about 6 p.m. when the Chinese ran into the side of her car.

The Chinese received slight injuries but refused to go to hospital.

The annual supper dance of the Government-Trained Teachers' Union was held at the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, when a large attendance was present, including several Chinese and European educational leaders.

ARMY TROUNCED BY RECREIO

J. COSANO CARRIES BAT FOR 88

Two of the four senior cricket matches on Saturday afternoon were played to a win, Kowloon Cricket Club beating Hongkong Cricket Club by a good margin at Chater Road and Recreio winning handily from Army at King's Park.

Scores in Saturday's cricket were:

At Chater Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Hongkong Cricket Club by 92 runs. E. C. C. 181 for 5 wks, dec. D. J. N. Anderson 46, F. J. Lay 39, H. K. C. C. 89 (F. R. Zimmerman 4 for 41, F. Goodwin 3 for 12).

At King's Park, Recreio beat Army 82 runs. Recreio 158 for 4 wks, dec. (J. M. Gosano 68, E. M. L. Soares 30), Army 76 (H. L. Ozorio 4 for 27, L. G. Gosano 3 for 14).

At Pokfulam, University held Civil Service Cricket Club to a draw. University 138 for 9 wks, dec. (N. C. Sen Gupta 26, D. McLellan 3 for 29), Civil Service C. C. 122 for 4 wks, (K. J. Atwell 41, R. H. Griffiths 39).

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club drew with Indian Recreation Club. Indian R. C. 113 (A. H. Madar 43, A. J. Fulse 4 for 35, S. A. Ismail 3 for 24), Craigengower C. C. 86 for 8 wks (A. H. M. Madar 4 for 21).

JUNIOR MATCHES

At Sookunpoo, Craigengower juniors drew with I. R. C. juniors. I. R. C. 2nd XI 145 for 9 wks, dec. Q. R. Abbas 46, J. M. A. Rummah 25, A. M. Omar 4 for 27, C. C. C. 2nd XI 130 for 8 wks, (A. Hung 38, W. K. Way 27, T. Lock 29 not out, F. A. Currcem 3 for 17).

At King's Park, a Naval team beat Royal Air Force by four wickets. R. A. F. 83 (Abbas 42, Holder 5 for 27, Matthews 3 for 38, Camp 4 for 27, Naval Team 88 for 7 wks, (Haima 24 not out, Hawkins 5 for 33).

At Cox's Path, Police Recreation Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club juniors by five wickets. K. C. C. 2nd XI 150 for 7 wks, dec. (C. R. Burch 40, E. Curtis 36, H. Danbrowsky 3 for 25), Police R. C. 112.

UNIVERSITY HELD

At the Valley, University 2nd XI drew with Civil Service C. C. juniors. C. S. C. C. 2nd XI 127 for 6 wks, dec. (A. Watson 23, F. E. Lawrence 28, Narayan Singh 5 for 17), University 2nd XI 80 for 8 wks, (J. F. McGowan 4 for 32).

At Sookunpoo, Army juniors beat Recreio juniors by five wickets. Recreio 2nd XI 141 for 7 wks, dec. (M. A. Remedios 28, M. N. da Silva 12, 55), Army 2nd XI 144 for 5 wks, (Lieut. Coombes 38, Capt. Lawrence 38 not out, Silva 3 for 47).

H.K. VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY)

1. Recruits' Medical Examination. Fri. Dec. 27, H.Q. 4.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lt. G. T. Balcan.

2. Safe Custody of Firearms. Extract from Area Orders No. 97 dated 13.12.40, para. 765: "Officers are responsible that all firearms in their possession, including Government revolvers on their personal charge, are kept under lock and key when not actually in use."

3. Christmas Holidays. Corps Headquarters Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays on Wed. and Thurs. Dec. 25-26, except for matters of a very urgent nature.

4. Corps Orders Amendment. Corps Orders No. 63/38 dated 15.12.39, para. 12 Strength-Increase. For "Morris" read "B. Bonchard".

For "J. Nicolas" read "No. Invaschenko". Corps Orders No. 72/40 dated 13.12.40, para. 4. Leave. Leave granted to Gnr. J. R. A. Pearce, 5th R.A. Bty. For "17.12.40-17.1.41" to read "17.12.40-27.1.41".

5. Maps. All maps in possession by Units or individuals to be returned by Mon. Dec. 23.

6. Transfers. Pte. R. Woodcraft, No. 1 Coy, to Unit Res. 20.12.40; Gnr. H. B. Williamson, 2nd Bty to Corps H.Q. 20.12.40.

7. Leave. Pte. N. Whitley, Mob. Col. 6.12.40-17.12.40; Pte. G. W. Paterson, Mob. Col. 6.12.40-15.1.41; Capt. F. J. W. Pocken, Corps H.Q. 18.12.40-31.1.41.

8. Promotions. Cpl. J. B. Sheehan, No. 1 Coy, to be Sgt. 20.12.40; 1st Cpl. G. E. Hadden, No. 1 Coy, to be Cpl. 20.12.40.

9. Strength-Increase. L/Bdr. J. A. Ritchie, 5th A.A. Bty, 6.11.40; Spr. B. Semenuk, 1st Coy. Engrs. 20.12.40; Gnr. Cleveland Tam, 3rd Bty, 18.12.40.

10. Strength-Increase. E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Bullards—Soldiers' Club Tournament. Second Round H.K.V.D.C. 1511—Capt. F. P. Squire, 200, Sgt. M. A. Baptista, 111, Sgt. M. W. Rukun, 200, Sgt. J. C. Remedios, 200, 1/Sgt. J. D. Remedios, 200, 1/Cpl. A. P. Pereira, 200, Pte. M. M. da Silva, 200, Pte. J. P. Rickman, 200, R.A.S.C. 1172—Dean 98, Barden 200, Hamlin 132, Ralph 132, Murphy 153, Ashman 191, Middleton 114, Woods 150.

PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 (17) and (18) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, it is hereby notified that junks, sampans and other vessels, unless engaged on Government duty, are hereby prohibited from anchoring or mooring in the following places; nor shall any such vessel approach any of the following places:—

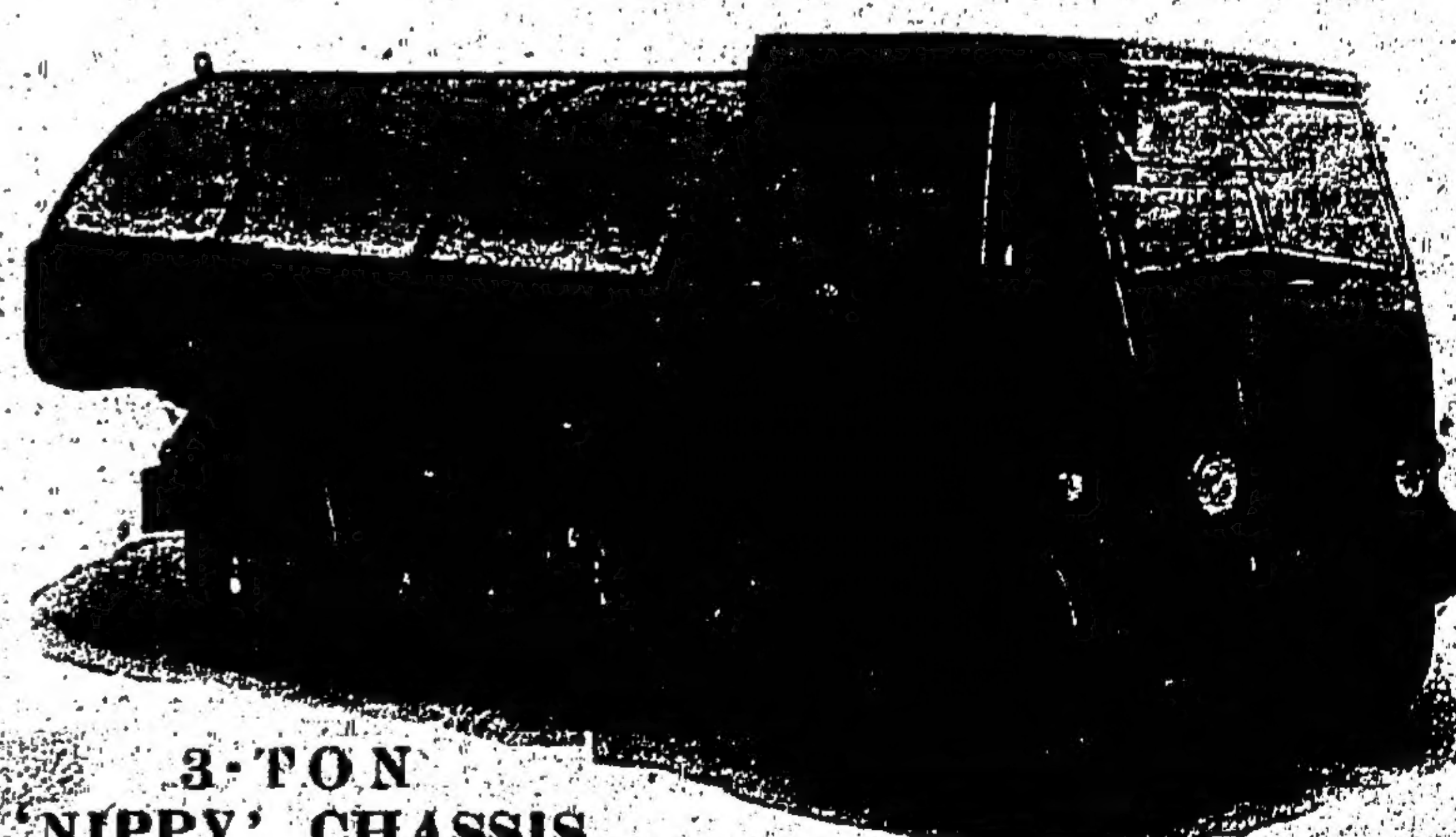
(1) That portion of the seawall for a distance of 30 feet measured from each side of the Whitfield Road Conservancy Junk Pier.

(2) That portion of the seawall for a distance of 50 feet measured from the east side of the Water Street Steps.

(3) The west side of Woonochy Road Government Pier.

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GROWING EXPENDITURE ON FUEL WILL HAVE TO BE FACED

Annual Meeting Of China Light & Power Co., Ltd.

"With the closure to British and Allied shipping of Indo-China ports from which certain of our supplies come, I regret to say that this Company has now to face a heavier and growing expenditure on fuel. How far the burden of this exceptional rise in the cost of fuel can be more equitably distributed between shareholders and consumers is receiving the earnest consideration of the Board," remarked the HON. MR. M.K. LO, Chairman of the Board of Directors, when he proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts at the 22nd ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Company, Limited, held at the head office, St. George's Building, on Saturday.

The Chairman said:—

The gross profit for the year amounts to \$2,229,355.90, as compared with \$2,045,551.84 for the preceding year. After deductions, the net profit is \$1,207,118.15, as against \$1,136,816.13 for the previous year.

You will have observed that the Directors sent to the South China Morning Post War Fund a donation of \$25,000 as from the Company. This contribution to such a cause doubtless has your approval.

The amount charged in the accounts for War taxes represents (1) property tax actually paid and (2) an estimate of the corporation profits tax payable on the profits for the financial year 1938/39.

As regards the tax payable on the profits for the year under review, it has not been considered necessary to make any provision for this in the accounts before you. The liability to pay such tax does not arise until next year, and proper provision for it will be made in the accounts for the current financial year 1940/41.

Depreciation, etc., at \$786,329.22 is, as you might have noticed, some \$107,000 less than last year, but is considered adequate.

The amount available for appropriation, including \$32,818.69 brought forward from last year, is \$1,299,936.24.

As usual, \$60,000 has been written off the late General Managers' rights.

TYPHOON RISK RESERVE
With regard to the proposed transfer of \$25,000 to typhoon risk reserve, a word of explanation is called for. It will be noticed that in the balance sheet there is an amount of \$50,000 for typhoon risk reserve (ex contingency reserve). It was decided to build up this reserve to enable the Company to carry its own typhoon insurance. As the Directors considered that such insurance might from the past financial year onwards be underwritten by the Company, the premium amounting to \$18,634.04 was credited to this reserve and, in order to round it off, it was decided to add \$8,365.96 to it, make a total transfer for the year of \$25,000.

The satisfactory results of the past year could not have been achieved without the faithful services and loyal co-operation of the Manager and the Staff. On behalf of the Board and of all shareholders, I take this opportunity of expressing to them our appreciation and thanks.

The question of making increased provision for employees and their dependants on their retirement or death has received the attention of your Board.

The Directors have decided that, in the interest of employees with more than ten years' service, the Company's contribution to their provident fund of 10 per cent. of their monthly salary should be increased by 1 per cent. in respect of each additional year of service until a maximum of 25 per cent. is reached after 25 years' service. This decision took effect as from January 1, 1940. The Directors also decided to introduce a new scheme of profit-sharing to benefit the whole Staff, which the Board trusts will have the whole-hearted approval of shareholders.

PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME
Under this profit-sharing scheme, the Company (provided the dividend payable to shareholders out of the profits this year or in any year in future be not less than 10 per cent. net (free of taxes, etc.) on the paid-up capital) will appropriate out of such profits a sum (not exceeding 2 per cent. of the total amount of the dividend) by way of a bonus to the Staff. The bonus will not be paid in cash at the time but credited to Staff "benefit funds" in accordance with the provisions of the scheme as already announced to the Company's employees.

Subject to declaration by this meeting of the dividend recommended by the Directors, the Board proposes that the sum to be

added to the distribution system for actual and potential loads, both in Kowloon and in the New Territories, account for much of the rest of the capital expenditure mentioned earlier.

I now come to the note on the balance sheet concerning our commitments under contracts for new plant and equipment totalling at the end of September approximately \$2,220,000, with freight, insurance, etc., estimated at an additional \$40,000.

Soon after our last annual meeting, the load on the existing plant was such that the Technical Staff pointed out to your Board the desirability and, indeed, the necessity, of ordering further new plant if the capacity of the power station to meet any substantial increase of supply consequent on the further development of Kowloon was to be fully maintained and if the risk of interruption in the supply due to enforced stoppage of plant (apart from normal overhaul) was to be reduced to a minimum.

After having gone into this question thoroughly with the Technical Staff, the Board accordingly in the early part of this year placed orders for a new 20,000 K.W. turbo-alternator and a second 200,000-lb. M.C.R. tri-drum boiler. A quantity of switchgear, cables and other equipment was also ordered in view of prospects of further expansion of the business in the near future. Contract prices for this new plant and equipment aggregated at September 30, 1940, approximately \$2,220,000.

ORDERS PLACED
The turbo-alternator and boiler are being manufactured by Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Export Co. and the International Combustion, Limited, respectively, the suppliers of similar plant now giving good service in our new power station. It is hoped that both these units will be here and possibly in operation by the end of 1941, but in times like the present we must put up with uncertainties and be prepared for disappointments. I may point out that the figure of \$40,000 for freight, insurance, etc., on this new plant, is but a rough estimate.

It is satisfactory to know that all necessary underground work, such as foundations, pump pits, and intake and discharge culverts, for the 20,000 K.W. turbo-alternator now on order as well as for a further set of 30,000 or 35,000 K.W., was completed whilst the new power station was under construction.

The inauguration of the new power station at Hok On by His

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BRITISH ORDER FOR U.S. MERCHANTMEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The British order for 60 merchantmen, to be built in the United States, will be completed by the autumn of 1942, or within 18 months of the laying of the first keel, it was learned in authoritative circles.

This would break all shipbuilding records in the United States since the last war.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Seller	Price	Volume	Buyer	Seller	Price	Volume
SATURDAY 21 DEC.							
Banks							
H.K. Banks		1370	...	H.K. Banks		1385	...
Do. (Col. Reg.)		281	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)		281	...
Do. (Loh. Reg.)		278	...	Do. (Loh. Reg.)		278	...
Chartered Bank		282	...	Chartered Bank		282	...
Mercantile Bk. "C"		288	...	Mercantile Bk. "C"		288	...
Mercantile Bk. "N"		210	...	Mercantile Bk. "N"		210	...
N. C. & S. Banks		74	...	N. C. & S. Banks		74	...
Insurance		Insurance		...	...
Canton Insurance		Canton Insurance		...	...
Union Insurance		Union Insurance		...	...
Underwriters		Underwriters		...	...
H.K. Fire		H.K. Fire		...	...
Shipping							
Douglas		1135	...	Douglas		1135	...
Steamboats		111	...	Steamboats		111	...
Indo-China (Prof.)		100	...	Indo-China (Prof.)		100	...
Indo-China (Det.)		80	...	Indo-China (Det.)		80	...
Shells		38/9	...	Shells		38/9	...
Waterboots		7	...	Waterboots		7	...
Rocks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
H.K. & E. Wharves		H.K. & E. Wharves		...	...
Providents		65.55	...	Providents		65.55	...
H.K. Docks (Old)		184	...	H.K. Docks (Old)		184	...
H.K. Docks (New)		H.K. Docks (New)		...	...
Shanghai Docks		Shanghai Docks		...	...
Mining							
Kailash		16/3	...	Kailash		16/3	...
Rauba		89	...	Rauba		89	...
Hong Kong Mines		1/1	...	Hong Kong Mines		1/1	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
H.K. & S. Hotels		330	...	H.K. & S. Hotels		330	...
H.K. Lands		H.K. Lands		...	...
Do. 4% Debentures		1100	...	Do. 4% Debentures		1100	...
Shanghai Lands		1114	...	Shanghai Lands		1114	...
H.K. Realities		H.K. Realities		...	...
Humphreys		73.30	...	Humphreys		73.30	...
Chinese Estates		1100	...	Chinese Estates		1100	...
Cotton Mills		Cotton Mills		...	...
Ewo (S.)		337	...	Ewo (S.)		337	...
Shai Cottons (S.)		165	...	Shai Cottons (S.)		165	...
Zhong Shing (S.)		Zhong Shing (S.)		...	...
Wing On Textiles (S.)		Wing On Textiles (S.)		...	...
Public Utilities		Public Utilities		...	...
H.K. Tramways		H.K. Tramways		...	...
Peak Tram (old)		37.40	...	Peak Tram (old)		37.40	...
Peak Tram (new)		334	...	Peak Tram (new)		334	...
Star Ferries		Star Ferries		...	...
Y-mat. Ferries		Y-mat. Ferries		...	...
China Lights (O)		China Lights (O)		...	...
China Lights (N)		China Lights (N)		...	...
H.K. Electric (Old)		H.K. Electric (Old)		...	...
H.K. Electric (New)		H.K. Electric (New)		...	...
Macao Electric (Old)		Macao Electric (Old)		...	...
Macao Electric (New)		Macao Electric (New)		...	...
Sandakan Lights		Sandakan Lights		...	...
Telephones (Old)		Telephones (Old)		...	...
Telephones (New)		Telephones (New)		...	...
S'pore Tractors (Ord.)		S'pore Tractors (Ord.)		...	...
Industrials		Industrials		...	...
Cald, Macg. (Ord.)		Cald, Macg. (Ord.)		...	...
Cald, Macg. (Prof.)		Cald, Macg. (Prof.)		...	...
Canton Ice		Canton Ice		...	...
Cement		Cement		...	...
H.K. Rope		H.K. Rope		...	...
H.K. Govt. Loans		H.K. Govt. Loans		...	...
4% Loan		4% Loan		...	...
5% Loan		5% Loan		...	...
6% Loan		6% Loan		...	...
Miscellaneous							
Dairy Farms		Dairy Farms		...	...
Entertainments		Entertainments		...	...
Constructions (old)		Constructions (old)		...	...
Constructions (new)		Constructions (new)		...	...
Lane Crawford		Lane Crawford		...	...
Nearings Tobacco		Nearings Tobacco		...	...
Sinco		Sinco		...	...
Watsons		Watsons		...	...
Ch. G. & S. 1925 G.Bds		Ch. G. & S. 1925 G.Bds		...	...
H.K. Wing On		H.K. Wing On		...	...
Shai Wing On		Shai Wing On		...	...
Vibro Filing		Vibro Filing		...	...
Margman Tr. (Loh.)		Margman Tr. (Loh.)		...	...
Margman Tr. (H.K.)		Margman Tr. (H.K.)		...	...
Wm. Powell		Wm. Powell		...	...
1846 to Shanghai		1846 to Shanghai		...	...

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

December, 21.
The market closed firm with a fair turnover for the short morning session.

BUYERS
H.K. Banks, \$1,370.
Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Canton Ins., \$200.
Union Ins., \$400.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$187.50.
Wharves, \$83.
Docks (Old), \$18.50.
Docks (New), \$18.
Providents, \$5.70.
Hotels, \$3.50.
Lands, \$33.75.
Realities, \$3.80.
Star Ferries, \$41.
Lights (New) C.D., \$21.5.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.30.
Cements, \$18.45.
Ropes, \$7.05.
Watsons, \$10.50.
Entertainments, \$7.05.
Constructions (Old), \$130.
SELLERS
Wharves, \$85.
Providents, \$5.724.
Hotels, \$4.
Watsons, \$10.75.
Vibro Filing, \$7.70.
SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1,380.
Docks (Old), \$18.55/60.
Providents, \$5.70.
Hotels, \$3.65.
Realities, \$3.85.
Trams, \$17.80.
Lights (Old) C.D., \$7.50.
Electric (Old), \$40.
Electric (New), \$39.75.
Watsons, \$10.60.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 20 (Reuter).
Silver—Little general buying found the absence of sellers. Business small. Market quietly steady.
Spot, 23-1/16d.
Forward, 23d.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Dec. 20 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet. Offtake 50 bars. Indian Mint Silver.
Ready 60-14
Dec. 27 Settlement 60-13
Jan. 22 Settlement 60-13

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1 " Sauterne White Wine
1 " Gordon's Sloe Gin
1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe
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NO. 5 HAMPER

1 quart V. O. P. Champagne
1 " Black & White Whisky
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
1 " Courvoisier V. O. Brandy
1 " Sandeman Brown Bang Sherry
1 " Sandeman Partner Port
1 " Sauterne White Wine
1 " Pommard Burgundy
1 " Laubheimer Hock
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Volume of Business Transacted on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1940.

SALES
China Lights (O) C.D. 500 \$7.474
Dec. 27 Settlement 588 6.85
China Lights (O) X.D. 588 6.85

H.K. Docks (O) 100 18.55
" 100 18.60
" 300 18.70
China Providents 500 5.70
H.K. Electric (N) 200 39.75
" 25 39.50
H.K. Hotels 142 360
H.K. Realities 1,000 3.85
Lane Crawford 70 7.50
The total value is \$33,860.10.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 21, 1940

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	405
On Singapore:	
On demand	53 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	103 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 1/2
On demand	82 1/2
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:	
On demand	43 7/8
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	101 3/4
On Manila:	
On demand	46 7/8
On Bangkok:	
On demand	140
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 21.
Silver prices were quoted at 23-1/16 for Ready and 23 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34-3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402-1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

The market was a shade easier. Some business was arranged at 1/3 for near delivery. The market closed with sellers at 1/23-1/32. Dec-April buyers at 1/3-1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 23-1/4 for near and forward. The market closed with sellers at 23-1/4 for Cash, buyers at 23-1/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 415-1/2. 1/2, 415 and also 415-1/2. The market closed with sellers at 415, buyers at 415-1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3-19/32. Subsequently the rate dropped to 3-37/64. Towards the close sellers were again quoted at 3-19/32 for Spot, U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5-23/32 for Spot. Later the rate dropped to 5-11/16. Last advices indicated sellers at 5-23/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2
New York	5-9/16	5-23/32
Japan	23-5/8	23-5/8
India	19-3/8	19-3/8
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	23-1/4	23-1/4

Sterling

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-19/32	0/3-19/32
Dec.	0/3-19/32	0/3-19/32
Jan.	0/3-37/64	0/3-37/64

U.S. Dollars

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	5-23/32	5-23/32
Dec.	5-23/32	5-23/32
Jan.	5-11/16	5-11/16

Market

Quiet but steady.
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalization rate was 22 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 21 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 51-1/4.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Dec. 18 (Reuters).

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	25,575	25,533
Rupies Coin and Bullion in India	3,022	2,980
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)	4,961	4,961
Securities (British Government)	13,150	13,150

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 21	Change
S P O T	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4	37-3/4	up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/2	up 1/8

The market was quiet but steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change
S P O T	11-7/8	11-7/8	
JANUARY	11-15/16	11-15/16	
FEBRUARY	12-1/16	12-1/16	
APRIL-JUNE	12-3/16	12-3/16	
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16	12-3/16	

NEW YORK COTTON: Prices advanced on light offerings and on the firmness of spots.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Favour purchases on easiness for moderate advance.

NEW YORK RUBBER & NEW YORK HIDES: Expect higher.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 123.87; Today's close, 123.89; Change, up .02.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.17	10.14	10.12	.03 up
New York Rubber, March	20.18b	20.18b	20.20b	.02 up
Chicago Wheat, May	85 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	off
New York Hides, March	12.50	12.45	12.50	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	9.99 N	10.02/02	10.02 N	.03 up
March	10.12/12	10.15/16	10.15/16	.03 up
May	10.05/05	10.10/10	10.09/09	.04 up
July	9.83/83	9.88/88	9.88 N	.03 up
October	9.31 N	9.35/35	9.34/34	.03 up
December	9.28 N	9.32/32a	9.31 N	.03 up
Spot	10.12 N		10.16 N	.04 up

Total sales Friday—55,400 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER	20.35b/40a	20.32b	20.37b	.02 up
January	20.35b/40a	20.32b	20.37b	.02 up
March	20.18b	20.18b	20.20b/25a	.02 up
May	19.97/97	19.98b/20.00a	19.99 N	.02 up
July (New contract)	19.82b	19.75b/85a	19.84b	.02 up

Total sales—50 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	84 1/2/84 1/2	84 1/2/84 1/2	84 1/2/84 1/2	1/2 off
July	79 1/2/79 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	1/2 off
Friday's sales:--11,675,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				

Friday's sales—11,675,000 bushels.

July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1/2 off
NEW YORK HIDES				1/2 off
March	1250/50	1240/45	1250b	wach
June	1227b	1215b/30a	1230/30	03 up

Total sales for the day—41 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4.

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2.

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuters).	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
Public Deposits	16,430	16,430
Other Deposits	115,900	129,270
Bankers	51,290	52,660
Other Accounts	167,190	181,530
Total	133,820	169,130
Government Securities	133,820	169,130
Other Securities		
Discounts and Advances	3,920	3,810
Securities	20,820	20,830
Total	24,740	24,640
Notes and Coins	28,880	18,040
Total Bullion	1,420	1,210
Notes in circulation	604,540	613,180
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	14.68%	9.30%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/-	168/-

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 20.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan 3 1/2% (Red, after 1932)	102-13/16
Defence Loan 3%	101
London-K'loon Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
China 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
China Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	16 1/2
Hukang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 20 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

(German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	27
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India	10 1/2
India 2 1/2% "G"	10 1/2
Peking Syndicate	2 1/2
S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpungs Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	13 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	38 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28 1/2
United Steel	21 1/4
Woolworths	53 1/4
Marsden Investments	7 1/2
Western Holdings	9 1/2
Sub-Nigel	160
Thell. Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	38 1/2
"bid."	—
"ex. div."	—

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 22, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Dec. 21		Dec. 21
Adams Express	54	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30
Amer. Can.	86 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	36
Amer. & Foreign Power	15	M'lain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	18 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15	National Lead	16
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	42	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	180	New York Central	18 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Waterworks	8 1/2	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	16 1/2	Northern Pacific	5 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44
Baldwin Locomotive	17	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28
Baltimore & Ohio	3	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2
Barnadall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2
Bliss & Co.	16 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17	Public Service of N.J.	25 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	44
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Reading Company, Com	13 1/2
Cash, J.I.	53 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	54 1/2
Celanese	27	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	74 1/2	Revere Corp.	10 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	31
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Safeway Stores	41 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Can	37	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	16 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Ry 5 1/2 pfd.	21
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Brands	64
Deere & Co.	19 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	10 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker, Com.	8
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Autolite	33 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	37 1/2	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pt.	58	Texas Gulf Sulphur	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pt.	58	Timken-Axle	28 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pt.	31 1/2	Trans-America Co.	48
Flintkote	13 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	8
Gen. American Trans.	55	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	68
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	Union Pacific	75
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	United Aircraft	42 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp.	14
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pt.	28 1/2
Goodrich 3 1/2 pt.	62 1/2	United Gas Corp.	13 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber	82 1/2
Great Western Sugar	19 1/2	U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pfd.	25 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2	U.S. Smelting	63 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	U.S. Steel	68 1/2
Homestake Mining	50 1/2	Vanadium	32 1/2
Int. Nickel	23	Vultee Aircraft	7 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	15	Walworth Co.	54 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	28 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	34
Kennecott, Copper	35 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	101 1/2
Lake Foundry & Mac.	31 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	39 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Lockport Aircraft	27 1/2	National City Bank	—

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Annual Meeting Of China Light & Power Co., Ltd.

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Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, on 26th February last, was a historic event not only for the Company but also for Kowloon. With the further growth of Kowloon and development of the New Territories, it may not be long before the spaces which on that occasion were filled with guests are fully occupied by new machinery capable of coping with the hoped-for increased lighting and power load.

TEMPORARY SET-BACK

It is true that one or two important industries served by this Company have been brought to a standstill, at any rate for the time being. Certain phases of our business have also suffered a temporary set-back as a result of the evacuation last summer of British women and children. But it is pleasing to be able to report that several new industrial undertakings have recently established themselves in Kowloon, while the demand from others has improved.

I spoke just now of the sterling expenditure to which we are already committed. Summarised, the outstanding commitments by way of capital expenditure at the end of September last were as follows:—

New Plant on order, as per note on the Balance Sheet	£200,000
Freight, insurance, etc. (estimated), as per note on the Balance Sheet	40,000
Balance payable on Plant already installed (included in "Sundry Creditors" in the Balance Sheet)	22,500
Total	£262,500

This has necessitated the calling up of fresh capital; hence the announcement in the papers last month of the Board's decision to issue the balance of the Company's authorised capital, namely, 900,000 shares of £5 each. The new shares will be issued at par and offered to shareholders on the register today in the proportion of one new share to every four existing shares held by them, respectively. For the present, only 1 per share is being called up, and this will be payable on application for the shares, in the case of local shareholders on January 23, and in the case of shareholders outside the Colony on June 30 next. The balance of £4 per share will probably not have to be paid at one time but only as and when the Directors shall decide. Formal letters of offer will be posted to shareholders in the course of the next few days.

I should like to mention that His Excellency the Acting Governor was good enough to visit the Company's installation at Hok On on October 23. His Excellency made a very thorough tour and inspection of the power station and was greatly interested in all he saw.

"I now move—
That the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, that a dividend of 50 cents per share on the "old" shares and 25 cents per share on the 1939-Issue shares allotted prior to October 1, 1939, be declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1940, that a sum equivalent to 2% of the total amount of such dividend be paid as a bonus to Staff benefit funds, and that, after the transfer of £25,000 to typhoon risk reserve and the writing off of

£80,000 from the late General Managers' Rights, the undivided profits amounting to approximately £83,202.50 be carried forward."
Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and the motion was carried unanimously.

RE-ELECTIONS

On the proposal of Mr. Chus Seng-choo, seconded by Mr. F. C. Clemo, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie and Mr. Albert Raymond, were re-elected directors.

Mr. W. J. Brown proposed and Mr. Lui Wai-hing seconded the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis as auditors for the present financial year at a remuneration of £1,800.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman wished all present the compliments of the season.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman), Mr. A. H. Compton, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. Albert Raymond (Directors), Mr. D. W. Manton (Manager), Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Mrs. B. C. Tavadia, Messrs. I. N. Murray (Deputy Manager), F. C. Clemo (Executive Engineer), W. J. Brown, Lui Wai-hing, C. M. Silva, Lui Lock-poo, Chua Seng-choo, J. A. Alvares, K. K. Tsang and John V. Braga.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 23 to 29 Dec. 1940.

Day of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	23	h.m.	f.m.	h.m.	f.m.
		03 24	5 6	10 00	2 5
		13 53	5 3	23 25	3 6
Tues.	24	06 00	5 1	10 53	2 8
		17 14	4 8	—	—
Wed.	25	08 30	4 8	00 43	2 7
		18 30	6 8	11 46	3 1
Thur.	26	07 00	4 7	01 40	2 0
		19 18	7 4	12 32	3 3
Fri.	27	08 57	4 7	02 29	1 4
		20 05	7 6	13 18	3 4
Sat.	28	09 53	4 8	03 13	0 9
		20 46	6 0	13 59	2 4
Sun.	29	10 39	4 8	03 54	0 6
		21 30	5 1	14 40	3 4

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Details on the extinguishing of lights in Carimata Strait, Borneo, are revealed in a Notice to Mariners (No. 241/1940 T) released locally by the Harbour Office.

It is notified that the lights on the Red and Black buoy North-west of Clemencia Bank, and the Black buoy east of Fox Banks in positions Lat. 3 deg. 18' 30" S. long. 110 deg. 01' E (Approx.) and Lat. 3 deg. 39' 45" S. long. 110 deg. 35' 30" E. have been extinguished.

These buoys will probably be relighted about the middle of January, but further notice will be given.

Charts affected are Admiralty Charts No. 1964 and 3757.

KLANG STRAIT LIGHTVESSEL

Mariners are also notified that the Lightvessel "Angsa Bank" in position Lat. 3 deg. 30' N. long. 101 deg. 00' E. (Approx.) at the northern approach to Klang Strait will shortly be temporarily removed for overhaul.

She will be replaced by a Life-buoy painted white and showing a light having the same characteristics as the Lightvessel. On completion of the overhaul the Lightvessel will be replaced without further notice.

Charts affected are Admiralty Charts Nos. 794, 1355 and 3763.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 22.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 83 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 69 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 68 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 p.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.90 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.44 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.59 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 22.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.88 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 82 per cent.

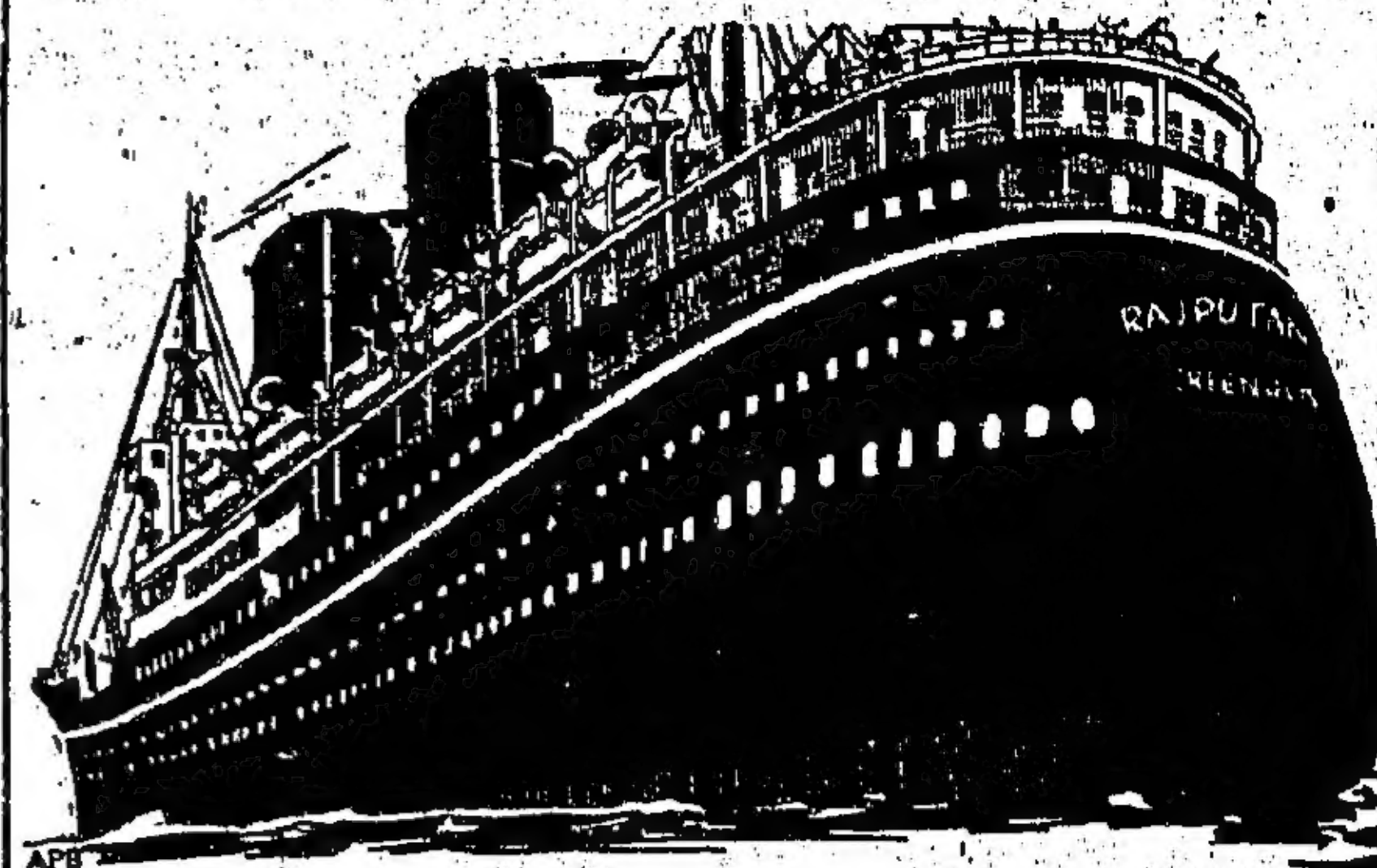
Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 75 F.

Minimum temperature, 66 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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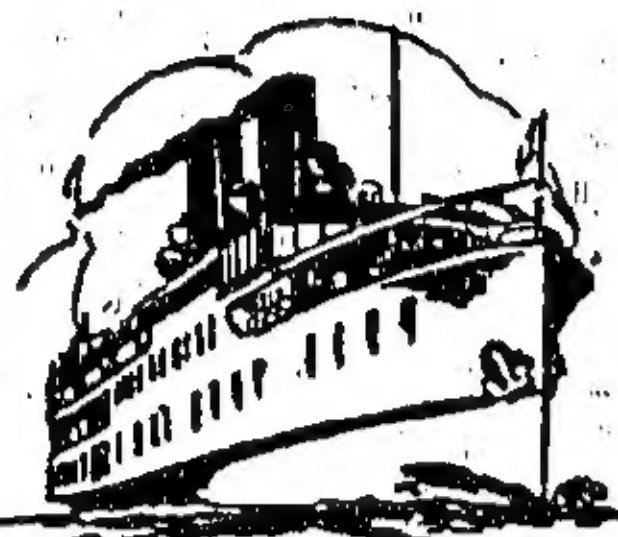
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EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PRODUCTS IN KOWLOON

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the East and I believe that nothing surprised this conference more than their discovery of the extent to which Hongkong has developed into an industrial centre in the last few years.

I see the process of the industrial development of Hongkong as a continuous one and I believe that its future in this respect may be far greater than any of us can at present envisage.

I need hardly stress the enormous possibilities for the future prosperity of Hongkong in this development and that is the reason why I consider that this Exhibition which I am opening here today is of very real importance and may have far-reaching results.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

I am not going to steal Sir Robert's thunder as I know that he has clear cut ideas on the possibilities of the future development of industry in Hongkong and I will, therefore, confine myself to giving this Exhibition my official blessing and that of the Government of Hongkong. I formally declare the Exhibition open and to asking Sir Robert Kotewall to tell us a little more about the genesis and objects of the Exhibition.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL

Sir Robert, addressing those present in Chinese, said, in part:—

Today the Chinese Manufacturers' Union is holding its fourth Exhibition. In the space of only six years the membership has increased nearly fivefold, while this year's Exhibition is on yet a bigger scale than that of last year.

But satisfactory as has been this progress, there is yet much room for improvement and expansion. Although the Union has now a membership of about 320 concerns, there are still several hundred factories remaining outside. Remembering the adage that unity is strength, I express the earnest hope that more factories may join the Union.

UNUSUAL ADVANTAGES

In my view, Hongkong possesses unusual advantages which not only make it an entrepot of first-class importance, but should also make it an industrial centre of great magnitude. The pity of it is that after nearly one hundred years, industry in Hongkong has not made as great a progress as it should have done. A grand opportunity has now arrived for us to repair this deficiency. (Applause.)

HOCKEY TOURNEY RESULTS

NOMADS SURPRISE PUNJABIS

Recreio beat the Royal Engineers by three goals to one in a "needle" fixture in the Hockey Association Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo. Recreio thus remain with Police "A" the only unbeaten teams in the Tournament.

Khalasa, with a 6-0 win over the 2nd M.T.B.'s at Boundary Street, moved into top position in the Tournament table.

Other results in the Tournament yesterday were:—A. N. Other XI beat Gunboats 3-0 at King's Park; C.R.A. beat University 2-2 at Pokfulam; and Police "B" beat Royal Signals 2-0 at Sookunpoo. On Saturday, Nomads beat the Punjabis by 1-0 at Marina ground.

COL ROSE IN GOLF FINAL

In the semi-finals of the championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Fanling yesterday Col. H. B. Rose beat F. D. Hunter 2 and 1 and F. Groves defeated D. S. Edward at the 19th hole.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 75 and the minimum 66.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.90.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

The anticyclone continues to move eastward and decrease in intensity. It is now centred over the Pacific to the southeast of Japan. A depression is moving eastward to the north of Shanghai. Pressure is relatively low over

Owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities many factories in Shanghai have moved down to Hongkong and many entirely new factories have been set up here. There is yet room for further expansion, and I am sanguine of the result because of the many special advantages which Hongkong enjoys.

Hongkong is ideally situated as an industrial centre as well as a distributing port; it has all the banking facilities and financial organisations; it can command inexhaustible, efficient and low-price labour; it is free from recurring political trouble and consequential economic disturbances; it has the blessing of good order and security; and, what is a very important factor, it shares in the special advantages which are attached to membership of the British Commonwealth. (Applause.)

CAPITAL AND LABOUR

In addition to Government encouragement, co-operation and goodwill between capital and labour are equally essential. That this is the view of the Hongkong Government can be gauged from the establishment of a Department of Labour three years ago. This Department has proven its usefulness in that since it came into being Hongkong has been happily free from serious labour trouble, and the working conditions of labour here have also improved. Much of this good result is due to the ability, understanding and absolute fair-mindedness displayed by Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, and by the previous Labour Officer, the present holder of that office, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins. (Applause.)

I make no apology for stressing the importance of co-operation and goodwill between employer and employee. Capital and labour must work together for the common good. Industry cannot prosper by capital degrading labour any more than by labour trying to suck the last drop of blood out of capital. The common interests of both are inseparable, and it is only by a true appreciation of this basic fact that industry can prosper and successfully meet world competition.

If the principle I have enunciated were recognised and acted upon by both parties, if Government facilities in the way I have indicated were forthcoming as I believe they will be, and with the return of peace, I see no reason why Hongkong, with its manifold advantages, should not become the chief manufacturing centre in South China.

TOUR OF EXHIBITION

His Excellency was then conducted on a tour of the exhibition by Mr. W. Y. Yuen, accompanied by Capt. Batty-Smith, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen and Sir Robert, and evinced the greatest interest in all he saw. He was particularly interested in the displays of the China Can Co., the Hongkong Preserved Ginger Distributors, Ltd., the China National Tea Corporation, a Chinese Government enterprise founded in 1937, and whose products were housed in a pavilion built to resemble an Imperial palace; the

5,000 Attacks On Targets From Channel Ports To The Dodecanese Islands

LONDON, DEC. 22 (REUTERS).—IN THE 5,000 ATTACKS ON TARGETS FROM THE CHANNEL PORTS TO THE DODECANESE ISLANDS IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS, THE R.A.F. has speeded destruction in Germany and Italy and the territories they command, which this Christmas should remind the Axis dictators very forcibly of the long arm of British bombers.

Germany and German-controlled territory has borne approximately four-fifths of the weight of this onslaught.

Two hundred and fifty raids, aimed at aircraft and munition factories, undoubtedly interfered to some extent with Germany's attempt to make up for the terrible wastage of the Luftwaffe caused by its losses at the hands of Britain's matchless fighter pilots during summer and autumn.

There has been 666 large-scale attacks on docks, shipyards and shipping in harbour, including relentless and persistent blows at invasion barges, 633 on railroad and water communications, and incidentally 1,123 on German aerodromes.

These daring and dramatic attacks stretching from all along the European coastline to deep into Poland have cost the R.A.F. 550 planes, but apart from the heavy damages inflicted on Germany, the Nazis have lost 109 aircraft shot down during these operations over their own territory.

Dunkirk Epic Awards List

Duke Of Gloucester Also Mentioned

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—The names of officers and men of the three fighting services whose names "have been brought to notice in recognition of distinguished services in connexion with operations in the field of March-June, 1940," occupy 23 pages of a supplement to the London Gazette, yesterday.

Major-General the Duke of Gloucester is among commands and staffs whose names are mentioned. The Duke, who was chief liaison officer to the British Expeditionary Force in France, was slightly wounded there.

In addition to the Duke of Gloucester, the list includes: Vice-Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay and Rear-Admiral W. F. Walker, who were largely responsible for the success of the operations connected with the withdrawal of the B.E.F. from France, for which they were decorated.

MECHANISATION EXPERT

General Sir Alan Brooke, who was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces in succession to Sir Edmund Ironside. He took part in the epic of Dunkirk and is regarded as one of the foremost of Britain's mechanisation experts.

Colonel Cave Brown Cave, who was appointed Chief Engineer, Eastern Command, in 1938; Sir Donald Banks, formerly Permanent Under-Secretary for Air, during the last war he won the D.S.O. and M.C.;

Major-General D.G. Johnson and Lt.-Col. (temporary Brigadier) J. G. Smyth (Indian Army) both of whom won the V.C. in the last war.

Major-General (Acting Lt.-Gen.) B.C.T. Paget, who appears with Major-General de Wilt and many other officers who served with commands and staff of the North-Western Expeditionary Force.

Hip Tung Wo Engineering Co., with their display of irrigation propeller pump, gas and diesel engines, one h-p 3-colour printing press, centrifugal pump, and rice mill; the On Lok Yuen Co., Ltd., and the Yates Confectionery Co.; and the National Shirt Manufacturing Co.

After the tour, which lasted nearly two hours, his Excellency was entertained to tea by the Chairman of the Union and the Exhibition.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those noticed at the Exhibition were the Misses Doris and Bobby Kotewall, Miss Phyllis Harrop (Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue and Mrs. Perdue, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Li Tse-zong and Mr. George C. Lau.

MAIL NOTICE

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, 25th December, and Thursday, 26th December, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

	Wednesday, 25th	Thursday, 26th
General Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to noon
Kowloon Central Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to noon
Sheungwan Branch Post Office	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th Dec., and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 26th Dec.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11.00 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date 6th December).	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila. (San Francisco date, 3rd December).	26th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December	27th Dec.
Java and Manila	27th Dec.
Swatow	28th Dec.
Canton	28th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	30th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th December	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	4th Jan.

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
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Parcels	Noon
Reg.	2.15 PM
Ord.	3.00 PM
TUESDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Tue. 24th
	3.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Wed. 25th
	8.30 AM
Par. 24th 5.00 PM	
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Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	
THURSDAY	
Canton	Thu. 26th
	7.15 AM
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